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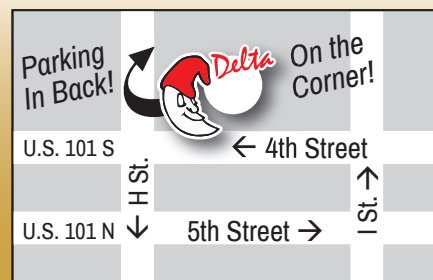
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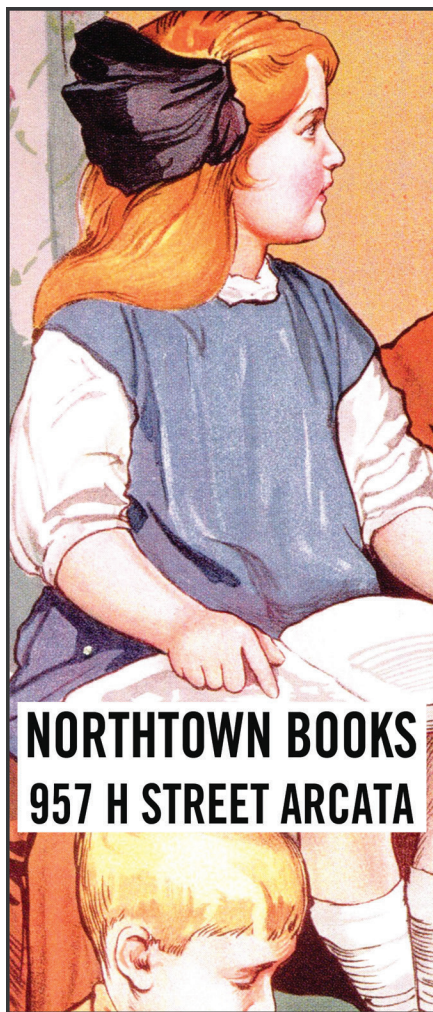
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'Frustrating!'

Editor:

Here, in this North Coast area of California, we have a very concerning, potentially dangerous, and seldom mentioned nuclear storage facility, located not far from shorelines of several area communities ("44 Feet," Sept. 15).

And, this coastline, where the nuclear storage facility sits, is in a renowned earthquake area. An area, just recently, shaken by a 6.4 earthquake!

And, so far, residents of this area have heard no reports of the nuclear facility's condition after this recent shaking, rattling and rolling of the earthquake.

I was never in favor of this nuclear facility on our shores, *but I trusted* that the circumstances were in competent hands, always well prepared!

But, as I sit writing today (well over a week after the earthquake), no information has surfaced and I am feeling completely abandoned in circumstances that could have serious effects on health and well-being!!

I count on the press to report the standings of situations in the aftermath of circumstances with lethal potentials regarding health and well-being!

Seeking information that is *very important* finding *nothing* for eight days is frustrating to say the least!

Kristina Haedrich, Arcata

Censored!

Editor:

I found the NCJ's coverage of censored news stories ("The Billionaire's Press Dominates Censorship Beat," Dec. 22) quite ironic. I've been disappointed with the NCJ, feeling that they abdicated their responsibility to question and investigate the policies of the pandemic that weakened society, devastated our economy and suppressed the freedom necessary for human dignity. I saw no improvement in coverage in 2022.

Similarly, Project Censored continued to ignore the highly censored stories surrounding the COVID policies and vaccines. While the COVID narrative broke down visibly and ignominiously in 2022, both corporate and left leaning media failed to ask tough questions or hold officials accountable. They've largely ignored the release of Pfizer's safety data, which contains information that I find horrifying. Why wasn't that story included in their list of censored stories?

Censorship in the media has become a serious threat to society. It needs to be rectified. Censorship also happens on other levels, starting with an individual's

unwillingness to face uncomfortable information. Many who promoted the COVID policies and vaccines with zeal, have turned strangely silent and incurious. We need serious investigation and reflection. I hope more people find the courage to ask questions and demand accountability.

Amy Gustin, Etnahsburg

Delighted!

Editor:

I have been very critical of the city of Arcata for allowing the homeless to spend nights in frigid weather, some of whom, such as Nancy Barnes and Rick Campos, have actually died ("Death at City Hall," Dec. 15).

We were delighted to hear Mayor Sarah Schaefer announce at the end of last Wednesday's city council meeting that Arcata House was opening an extreme weather shelter at their newly opened Grove Homekey site on Valley West!

Because Arcata House now has their own space and are not relying on churches, they are able to serve many more people: 61 folks from McKinleyville, Arcata, Eureka, etc. The shelter will be ongoing and will serve folks not only on cold nights but anytime we have two or more days of rain!

A huge thank you to Darlene Spoor, executive director of Arcata House Partnership, and her wonderful staff of social workers and volunteers! Also to the city of Arcata for whatever part they played in making this event happen!

That being said, Arcata, let's not sit back and rest on our laurels! There are still more people without a solid roof over their heads than are being presently served! We still need warming centers and overnight space opened up in other parts of the city. Again, the D Street Neighborhood Center and the Community Center on Martin Luther King Way have large rooms or a gym that could serve these purposes. Also we may need to find another organization that could run such shelters without putting an additional burden on Arcata House!

Nancy Pelletier, Arcata

Donate!

Editor:

I gave my first pint of blood 40 years ago in 1983. Since then I've given more than 50 gallons of blood, making me what they call a "milestone donor."

Mountain Winter

Buckets of stars
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January is National Blood Donor Month. Thank you to all my fellow donors out there who give the gift of life. However, we can't do it alone, we need your help too! Please find a few minutes this month, or anytime you are eligible, to stop by our Northern California Community Blood Bank in Eureka, or any of their bloodmobiles throughout our community and give the gift of life.

Many people are counting on you. The life you save may be someone you know. Who knows, it might even be mine. Call today and schedule a time, or just drop in.

Gene Joyce, Arcata

Correction

A story in the Jan. 5, 2023, edition of the *North Coast Journal* headlined 'A Lot of Trauma' misspelled Rio Dell Water and Roadways Superintendent Randy Jensen's name. The *Journal* regrets the error.

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Shaken, Blustered and Drenched

Humboldt County responds as the disasters keep coming

By Thadeus Greenson

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Already shaken entering the New Year, Humboldt County is now also wind-blown and drenched and, in some cases, in the dark. Humboldt County has seen little respite since a magnitude 6.4 earthquake jolted the region Dec. 20, knocking out power to most of the county and battering Eel River Valley communities. A New Year's Day aftershock caused widespread damage in Rio Dell, just before a series of storm fronts arrived, bringing gusty winds and a barrage of rain.

"I've lived here 50 years; I have seen many big storms in those 50 years but not one after another after another," said Supervisor Steve Madrone, whose Fifth District has borne the brunt of the storms, with downed trees leaving many of his constituents north of Trinidad through Orick without power, some for more than a week with estimated restorations still days out as the *Journal* went to press Jan. 10. "The way these cyclones have lined up is really something."

"People are tired," Madrone continued after a pause. "It's got everyone on edge."

With rain and wind dominating the forecast for the coming week, it seems the proverbial hits will keep coming. But here's a rundown of the various disaster responses and recovery efforts underway.

'Countywide'

When the first major storm system hit Humboldt County a few days into the New Year, Trinidad — the small city perched on the coast, where wind gusts reached more than 70 mph — was quickly left in the dark, with powerlines to the north and south downed by falling trees and limbs. PG&E was able to get the lights back on after about 24 hours, but more gusts knocked it out again Jan. 6 for another two days.

City Manager Eli Naffah said many residents lost the contents of their refrigerators and freezers, and some reported

minor damage from tree limbs coming down on their homes and decks. But mostly, he said, the city fared OK. But the same could not be said for its neighbors to the north living in unincorporated areas of Humboldt County.

As of Jan. 10, thousands of PG&E customers north of Trinidad were still without power almost a week after it was severed Jan. 4, and the utility was projecting the outage would continue another three days. Included in the outage are a number of trailer parks with residents on fixed incomes, including many seniors.

Madrone said Tri-County Independent Living has been incredible, stepping in to get folks dependent on electrical medical devices set up in hotels or other accommodations, while the Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF), Pay it Forward Humboldt, Humboldt Made and other local nonprofits have worked to keep people fed and warm, and meet other needs as they arise.

Naffah said HAF and Humboldt Made arranged for Los Giles Taco truck to set up near the Town Hall to distribute free burritos Jan. 9. Recognizing that while most of the city's residents had power again but their neighbors to the north did not, Naffah said city work crews printed up fliers and went door-to-door to distribute them in neighboring unincorporated areas, adding the city has also welcomed these folks into the warming and device charging center it set up in Town Hall. Some folks from Big Lagoon came down and picked up 40 burritos to feed their neighborhood, Naffah said.

Madrone said PG&E brought a number of generators into Orick to power the school, the fire hall, the water treatment plant and set up a charging station. While everyone wants their electric service restored as soon as possible, Madrone said the company was doing all it could.

"When you get hit from Big Sur to the

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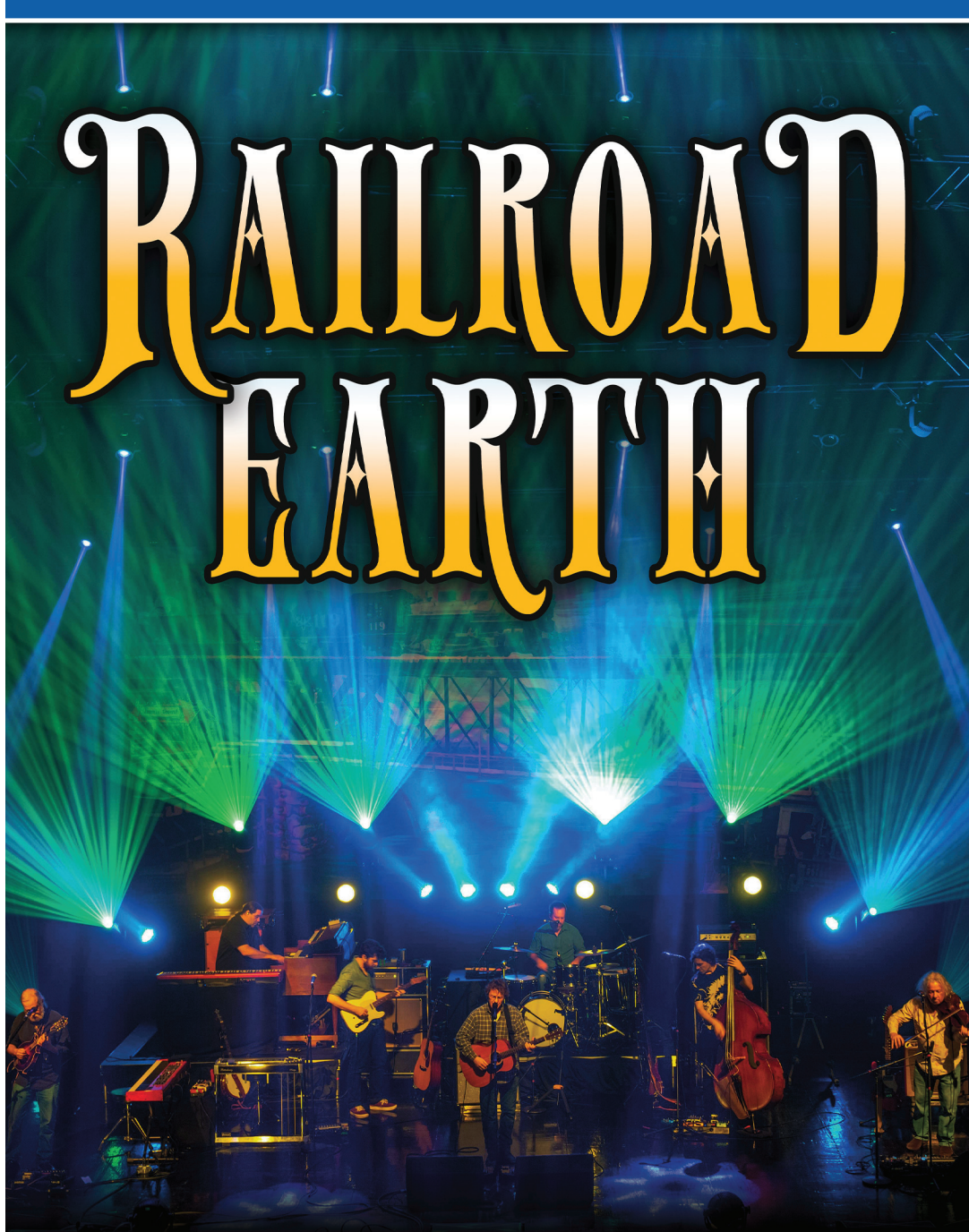


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Oregon border, you're going to get overwhelmed," he said.

Pay it Forward Humboldt Director Jessica Gregorio said the disaster response launched in Rio Dell a few weeks ago has now become countywide, noting that she's been scrambling to help communities from Big Lagoon — which aren't only without electricity but also any cell service or internet connections — down to the Mattole Valley, where downed trees also severed PG&E transmission lines. She said that in addition to the basic necessities of food and water, cleaning supplies have been in high demand, with residents needing to scrub their fridges of spoiled food.

"We're just working in collaboration with so many other organizations and groups in this county," Gregorio said, praising HAF, the California Office of Emergency Services and other groups.

She urged county residents who want to help to simply first check on their neighbors, "particularly those who are a bit more vulnerable," and then consider donating to one of the local nonprofits responding. (Pay it Forward Humboldt keeps a running list of donation requests and drop off information at tinyurl.com/HumQuake.)

"It's because of donors that we are able to do any of this, and anything that comes in goes right back out," she said. "We don't have any paid staff. We're just paying it forward and, hopefully, the people we help today will soon be in the position to help someone else. That's the essence of it."

Madrone struck a similar note. While everyone has been talking about the "power going out," he said his partner recently corrected him, saying, "The power didn't go out. It's the electricity."

The true power, Madrone said, is the ability of neighbors to lift one another up, to share a generator or a meal, to help where they can.

"That's power, and that's in full swing," he said.

'Mother Nature Reigns Supreme'

When the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors convened Jan. 10 to consider approving \$1 million in earthquake relief funds, among other things, it was briefly forced to adjourn after a 3.4 earthquake rattled the courthouse.

It was a reminder, County Administrative Officer Elishia Hayes told the board, that "Mother Nature reigns supreme."

Hayes then offered the board an update on ongoing damage assessments following the Dec. 20 quake and string of aftershocks, noting more than 70 structures countywide have been red tagged and deemed unsafe for occupation, with

another 114 yellow tagged, indicating they sustained significant damage. The bulk of those are in the small city of Rio Dell, Hayes also noted, which had approximately 170 residents displaced as of Jan. 2, or about 5 percent of the city's population.

As of Jan. 3, Hayes said the county has received 174 damage reports, with personal income loss totaling an estimated \$103,595 and household financial losses of \$1 million. Additionally, according to the staff report, 127 businesses have reported losses of more than \$1.4 million. Hayes advised the board she believes total damage will near or surpass \$10 million.

The board voted unanimously to use \$1 million of \$3.2 million the county received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to create a program to help with temporary sheltering of residents, home repairs and other types of assistance. These funds will come in addition to \$3 million in disaster relief aid that North Coast state Sen. Mike McGuire said the state has pledged to help affected residents meet "basic needs," including damage repairs and rental assistance.

Earlier in the meeting, the board took a moment to pass a resolution praising the work of county building inspectors who mobilized after the Dec. 20 quake to head to Rio Dell to help with inspections. Rio Dell City Manager Kyle Knopp said Planning and Building Director John Ford made his crew available "without question or reservation," and they were on the ground in the city by 9 a.m. to begin door-to-door inspections. Second District Supervisor Michelle Bushnell emphasized the emotional toll these inspections took, noting inspectors red-tagged 25 houses that first day, telling residents they had to leave their homes without another place to send them.

Building Inspector Robert Edwards shared his story with the board of helping a woman who had been stuck in her home that morning. He said the woman has multiple sclerosis and her electric wheelchair had become stuck, with its battery dead. Edwards said he was able to push his way through the woman's jammed door and, thankfully, she was unhurt, just scared. He said he held her hand while he called the fire department, which was "there right away."

"She was pretty scared but ... it was a blessing for us to go door-to-door and help that lady," Edwards said. "It was physically and emotionally — it was a lot. But thank God we were there." ●

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KHSU MIA After Quake

A local emergency highlights the void left by a once-vibrant station that is now a shell of itself

By Mark Larson

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Tuning in to KHSU-FM (90.5) for much-needed emergency information never occurred to me after the magnitude-6.4 earthquake hit at 2:34 a.m. on Dec. 20 or following the Jan. 1 aftershock. I've lost interest in listening to KHSU, given the sad status of Cal Poly Humboldt's public radio station since the administration got rid of all the staff, volunteers and local programming in April of 2019 — just after completing a week-long, live-on-air fund-raising campaign.

KHSU's programming and management are now contractually in the geographically remote hands of Phil Wilke, general manager of North State Public Radio in Chico, and Jun Reina, general manager of CapRadio in Sacramento.

In April of 2021, Cal Poly Humboldt signed CapRadio to a 10-year public service operating agreement to run the day-to-day operations and make programming decisions at KHSU and its network of transmitters. Humboldt retained the FCC-issued broadcast licenses.

So where does providing local emergency information currently stand as a programming priority for KHSU?

Last February, Cap Radio invited KHSU donors, business supporters and community members to its first virtual town hall meeting at which Reina and Wilke outlined its partnership with Cal Poly Humboldt, discussed future programming objectives for the station (given the goals and direction of CPH administrators) and responded to questions from Zoom attendees. At the time, they were avoiding dead air at KHSU-FM by replaying limited NPR programming or canned music on repeat.

Those goals for KHSU-FM and direction of Humboldt administrators included:

- Expand national programming to broaden the range of news, entertainment, talk and storytelling shows;
- renew business underwriting opportunities to highlight local businesses and increase revenue;
- strengthen emergency communications infrastructure;
- explore more local reporting and programming; and
- begin coordination of student training opportunities.

I again Zoomed in when Reina and Wilke recently hosted a second KHSU town hall meeting on Dec. 7, offering a progress report on changes made since taking over

station management, given those goals and direction of CPH administrators. (A recording of the town hall can be found at youtube.com/watch?v=SAefGHP3dBk.)

During the update, Reina and Wilke summarized the disappointing progress they have made in managing KHSU since last February:

• **Programming:** Wilke and Reina again repeated the point that CHP administration asked them to present a more traditional on-air NPR format and that has guided their programming decisions since signing the operating-agreement contract. Starting April 1, they began scheduling 30 national programs throughout the daily lineup on KHSU that reflect, they said, “a diversity of programming and viewpoints.” (One can see the new full schedule at KHSU.org.)

• **Local reporting and programming:** KHSU now airs daily local news breaks created by Alejandro Zepeda, a recently hired KHSU part-timer — the *only* local employee at the station other than a retired engineer who works on a contract basis— at 4:19, 5:19 and 6:19 p.m. during *All Things Considered*. These breaks usually contain local Humboldt County content with a wrap up of weather, community information, and COVID-19 health information. Zepeda also airs a community calendar and hosts a four-minute “North Coast Conversation” weekly feature that airs during *All Things Considered* Tuesdays and Wednesdays, repeating the following day during *Morning Edition*. On the station website, “North Coast Conversations” is described as “a weekly segment where we meet with local community members developing ways to improve the quality of life on the North Coast.”

As of Dec. 15, a new eight-minute recorded bi-weekly feature “Talking Humboldt” aired for the first time during *All Things Considered* with Cal Poly Humboldt President Tom Jackson Jr. and College of the Redwoods President Keith Flamer interviewing local people about what they do in their jobs. This new programming was initiated and produced by CPH's Marketing and Communication Department. A shorter version airs the next day during *Morning Edition* and past shows are archived on the station's website. In the first episode, Jackson and Flamer interviewed HSU alum and outgoing Eureka mayor Susan Seaman. The second episode featured an interview with Wiyot Tribal Chair Ted Hernandez.

• **Underwriting:** Wilke reported the station has added six local businesses in rota-

tion, several event-based messages that have come and gone, and a couple of national ad buys. (Before the dismantling of the KHSU development office, there were typically between 100 and 150 local underwriters, according to Jeff DeMark, the station's former development staffer.)

• **Emergency infrastructure and live on-air reporting of emergency information:**

Wilke and Reina said there are apparently technical challenges that prevent breaking into national NPR programming with live, on-air local emergency information on KHSU from the Chico NSPR studio. They said they're working to develop local infrastructure so it will be possible in the future to air local emergency information with more immediacy. The goal is to be able to break into national programming on KHSU from Chico with emergency and other information relevant only to the KHSU listeners.

• **Begin coordination of student training opportunities:** There is currently no plan to do this, as Wilke reported no progress has been made on coordinating training Cal Poly Humboldt students at the station, attributing that failure to COVID, the distances between Arcata and Chico and Sacramento, and a lack of resources (meaning there's no money or professional staff at KHSU for face-to-face training opportunities). Wilke and Reina were also already busy with their full-time jobs prior to adding on the management of KHSU, and likely also lack interest in or awareness of the broadcast training in CPH's Journalism and Mass Communication Department and the student-run radio station, KRFH-FM (105.1).

What else is in the pipeline ahead for KHSU, according to Wilke and Reina?

They reported they hope to get resources to add a local full-time KHSU staff position “that will liaison with community, sell underwriting and work with community events.” They're also brainstorming creating a future “North Coast Roundup” talk show with local journalists weighing in on topics they're covering and making a fundraising push at CPH to help pay for even more KHSU staff. A brief mention was also made of the coming transition from KHSU “listener membership” to CapRadio “listener membership.”

As for any helpful, important, timely earthquake emergency information on KHSU? No one I know turned to the station after our recent earthquakes. Instead they were listening to KMUD, which, under News Director Lauren Schmitt's guidance, delivered

helpful, timely community information. After the earthquakes, on KHSU's website's first page, I only found a banner that read: “Latest earthquake and recovery updates from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office,” with a link to the county's website. KHSU's page also had Associated Press earthquake stories posted days later that were written on Dec. 20. As for the usefulness of the network of transmitters, currently the banner reads: “Radio Bilingue, KHSM 103.3 FM; KHSF 90.1FM; and 88.7 FM are currently off air. We appreciate your patience as we pursue a solution. You can listen to the KHSU stream at the link below,” offering a URL where people could find Radio Bilingue online.

During the recent Zoom meeting's question and answer segment, an attendee commented that when she's listened to KHSU since the takeover, she doesn't feel like there's a “connection” to Humboldt. “I'm having a hard time feeling this is a (local) public radio station rather than a national radio station,” she said.

“For the most part, you're right,” Wilke replied. “We haven't had the resources on the ground to reestablish a vibrant, local presence. That is the long-term plan, though we don't have the ability and money to do that right now. I'm trying to do incremental things with the resources that I have. And I ask you to give us your patience and take a journey with us. When the station collapsed, all the resources went away and we're also working to rebuild that as well.”

As for resources, Wilke failed to mention KHSU's Rescue Act for COVID Relief grant of \$266,877 in 2021 or how it was used by the station or CPH. (To see KHSU financial reports, go visit khsu.org/khsu-transparency-resource-guide.)

To the ongoing dismay of thousands of former KHSU listeners, not only have we lost the station as a source of entertainment, but also as a critical source of information in times of emergency.

At the end of the Zoom meeting, Wilke and Reina provided contact information for any follow-up questions or comments: Phil Wilke, general manager, NSPR and KHSU: phil.wilke@mynspr.org, (530) 898-6100. Jun Reina, general manager, CapRadio: jun.reina@capradio.org, (916) 278-8925.



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Woman Found Dead in Recycling was Likely Sheltering from Storm

The Eureka Police Department has identified the woman found dead among recycling being dropped off by a Recology truck at the Samoa Resource Recovery Center last week as 57-year-old Jestine Green, a woman who local outreach workers say had been living on the streets of Eureka for at least a couple of years.

Police have deemed Green's death "accidental" and said in a press release that there is no suspicion of foul play.

The release provided few other details about the death, which was first reported by the *Times-Standard* last week, but included a list of overnight shelters in the area that "continually have space available." The *Journal* sent a list of follow-up questions to an EPD spokesperson, who said she forwarded them to a commander, who had not responded by the time this story published.

Recology Humboldt referred questions about the discovery of Green's body at the Samoa facility to a national spokesperson, who said only that the company is "cooperating with authorities investigating this matter."

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Samantha Karges said an autopsy determined Green's cause of death to be "consistent with asphyxiation due to external pressure on chest and abdomen." She said the estimated time of death on her preliminary death certificate was en-

tered as the time her body was found: 10:40 a.m. on Jan. 5.

While it's unclear exactly what happened with the scant details released by police, it seems Green may have been sheltering in a commercial recycling dumpster the night of Jan. 4 and morning of Jan. 5 and died after it was emptied into a Recology collection truck on its route in Eureka, and discovered when the truck offloaded at the Samoa facility.

The weather around that time was particularly harsh, as the first few nights of January saw temperatures dip into the 30s before a storm moved in Jan. 4, bringing wind gusts of more than 60 mph and dumping almost 2 inches of rain between Jan. 4 and Jan. 5.

The EPD press release noted the Eureka Rescue Mission and a family shelter on Third Street both "continually have space," with an overflow space ready to open at St. Vincent de Paul's free dining facility on Third Street whenever they reach capacity. Eureka City Manager Miles Slattery said the city changed its policy regarding use of the dining facility space several years back, switching it from an "extreme weather shelter" to be opened when temperatures dip or a storm comes in, to activating it whenever there's a need, regardless of conditions, with the Mission serving as its intake point for clients. Slattery said the overflow space was open for much of November and December, though primarily because the Mission's capacity was limited due to a

remodeling project.

But some in the local homeless community have long refused to go to the Mission, even during extreme weather conditions, turned off by its requirement that those utilizing its services be sober and its overtly Christian philosophy that includes the offer of chapel services and Bible study. (Mission Executive Director Bryan Hall Sr. has repeatedly told the *Journal* in the past that religious services are optional and attendance or participation is not required to stay the night, though he was not immediately available to comment for this story.)

Nonetheless, Slattery said there would have been shelter beds open the night of Jan. 4.

"Had someone sought it out, there would have been space," he said. "It's just extremely unfortunate. I believe some of our staff had contact with this individual, trying to get them into services, and were unsuccessful. It's just extremely unfortunate."

A Legend Signs Off



Photo by Mark McKenna

Long-time local news personality Dave Silverbrand, beloved by many for his folksy demeanor and near constant presence on local airwaves over the span of decades, died of congestive heart failure Jan. 6. He was 76. Read the full story — and watch a video of Silverbrand interviewing himself for Access Humboldt — at northcoastjournal.com. POSTED 01.09.23

Per EPD's press release, shelter space is available for women and families at 107 Third St. [(707) 443-5016], for single men at the Eureka Rescue Mission, 110 Second St. [(707) 443-4551], and, when those are at capacity, at St. Vincent de Paul, 35 W. Third St., for those who check in at the 107 Third St. before 6:30 p.m.

— Thadeus Greenson
POSTED 01.10.23

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Recovery Line Live: The county of Humboldt has set up a long-term recovery hotline to help residents displaced by the Dec. 20 earthquake and its aftershocks find short-term housing. The number — (707) 441-5000 — is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and those eligible may receive hotel vouchers and other sheltering assistance. POSTED 01.05.23

Rio Dell Schools Resume: Rio Dell School District, which includes Eagle Prairie Elementary School and Monument Middle School, returned to session Jan. 10 after they were forced to close after sustaining damage during the Dec. 20 earthquake and aftershocks. The district is providing transportation assistance for 15 students whose families were displaced by the temblors. POSTED 01.06.23

Digitally Speaking

164 The number of Humboldt County residents who have now died of COVID-19 after Public Health reported Jan. 4 that a resident over the age of 80 had died. POSTED 01.04.23

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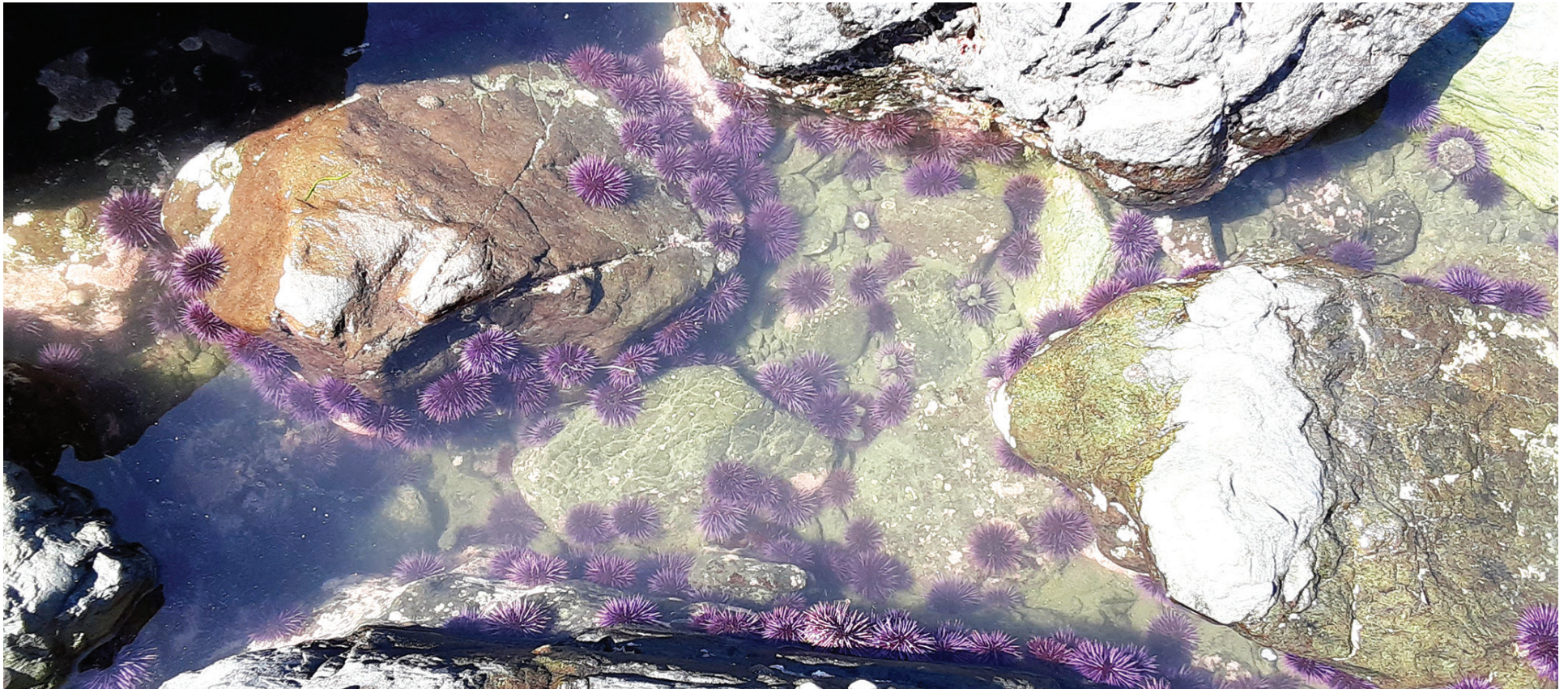
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— Karuk Tribal Chair Russell "Buster" Attebery in a press release announcing President Joe Biden had signed a bill placing federal lands in Humboldt and Siskiyou counties into a trust for the Karuk Tribe, fulfilling a years-long effort to put the sacred lands back into tribal hands. POSTED 01.06.23

Comment of the Week

"Keep it up, Ms. Fumiko Cahill, whatever it is."

— "Baysider" commenting on the *Journal's* website in praise of last week's *Seriously?* column, "Personal Rebranding for 2023." POSTED 01.06.23



Purple urchins fill a tidepool in Humboldt County.
Photo by Grant Eberle

‘Still Downhill’

With any abalone season far in the future,
the focus is on recovery

By Kimberly Wear
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Hopes that shuttering the North Coast’s recreational red abalone season for five years would be enough to reverse the precipitous decline in the mollusk’s population appear to have been overly optimistic. Reopening of the fishery — which seems almost an impossibility any time soon — now depends on a methodical intervention effort to rebuild a complex ocean forest.

An unprecedented series of ecological events wreaked havoc on the North Coast’s marine environment over the last decade, unraveling the delicate balance of one of the world’s most biodiverse ecosystems.

Wide swaths of bull kelp forest that once brimmed with a dazzling display of marine life evanesced after being weakened by warming ocean waters and stripped bare by marauding armies of purple urchins left newly unfettered by the near extinction of its most voracious predator.

Amid this backdrop, red abalone began

to starve on the region’s kelp-barren reefs, the slow-moving mollusk simply unable to compete against the spiky urchin hordes’ ability to swiftly flitter across the ocean floor in search of food — and their alien-like capacity to go years without eating.

But even without any recreational harvesting, the surveys at six sites found an even bleaker situation than back in 2018, when abalone numbers had plummeted by an estimated 75 percent in the span of just a few years.

“Unfortunately, it’s still downhill,” Craig Shuman, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife marine region manager, told the commission’s Marine Resources Committee in November of the survey results. “We keep thinking we’ve reached the bottom and every time we come back and realize, ‘Whoops, we haven’t hit the bottom yet.’ How low can we go? I don’t necessarily want to answer that question because the bottom is a very scary place to be.”

The committee, made up of Fish and Game Commission members, had con-

vened to wrap up outstanding details on a long-awaited plan for managing the North Coast’s red abalone, including what benchmarks to use in determining how many could be taken in any given year.

The process, which stalwartly continued forward even as the fishery descended into collapse, was supposed to be reaching a conclusion after nearly nine years, having started when the red abalone population was still healthy and a push was on to relax regulations.

But speaker after speaker urged the committee to recommend pushing “the pause button” on developing any new harvest control rules — which are already mired in controversy — and place the focus on recovery for the foreseeable future.

Those speakers included Jack Likins, a formerly staunch opponent of the recreational season’s closure, who told the committee the underwater realities have changed his mind.

“We all agree the abalone resources are under a lot of stress, as is the general marine environment,” said Likins, who has

more than 60 years of seeking out abalone in the North Coast’s icy waters under his dive belt. “It will be years, if not a decade, before an abalone fishery like we once enjoyed could be realized, probably even before we could manage a de minimis fishery.

“I’d like to suggest that we take the time that we have — because it’s going to take so long for the fishery to recover — to develop and verify a plan we can all agree to and accept.”

Any recovery, he noted, hinges on bringing the marine environment back into balance.

“So I’m a big supporter of doing whatever we can do to help the kelp recover, which will in turn not only help the abalone but all the marine species,” Likins added.

Ultimately, the committee heeded the pleas, with Shuman saying CDFW staff would go back to do some homework on next steps.

The morbid “bright spot,” he said, is that any decision on new harvest control



A seaweed harvest on Humboldt Bay, with graduate student lead Kalani Ortiz and student volunteers. *Courtesy of Cal Poly Humboldt*

rules “isn’t going to matter for 10 to 15 years.”

Committee member Erik Sklar agreed, saying there was no rush to move forward.

“Unfortunately, until the stocks go up, we are going to extend the closure,” he said. “I think that’s just a given.”

The so-called “perfect storm” of climate-driven calamities in North Coast waters dates back to August of 2011, when Sonoma County saw a massive die-off of marine life amid an outbreak of toxic algae.

Two years later, a mysterious wasting disease wiped out an estimated 80 percent of sea stars up and down the Pacific Coast, especially devastating the sunflower star — one of the largest sea stars in the world, with a full-accompaniment of 24 arms at maturity, that’s capable of gobbling a sea urchin whole — which is now on the brink of extinction.

Without one of its main predators, purple sea urchin populations exploded just as back-to-back marine heat waves — the so-called “warm water blob” of 2014 and the “Godzilla” El Niño of 2015 — hit.

Those thrust the region’s bull kelp forests — dependent on cool ocean temperatures to thrive — into distress, with some areas off the Mendocino and Sonoma coasts seeing declines of more than 90 percent compared to previous years.

According to the summer survey results presented to the Marine Resources Committee, along with the lowest density of abalone ever observed at the six sites studied, the areas still show large numbers of urchins and low-levels of bull kelp, despite more favorable ocean conditions having returned to the region in 2021.

Complicating recovery is the slow-to-grow nature of abalone, which take years to reach maturity. Additionally, the way the shellfish reproduce by sending sperm

and eggs out into the water, requires dense populations for a successful match to be made.

Bull kelp presents a similar scenario.

Unlike its southern cousin the giant kelp, bull kelp grows as a single stalk and dies off each year — basically an annual marine plant rather than a perennial — making it more vulnerable to urchin intrusions that can inhibit new growth’s ability to gain a foothold.

A series of cooperative efforts are underway to give Mother Nature a helping hand, bringing together a network of stakeholders, from scientists and government agencies to commercial urchin divers and nonprofits, to create a restoration plan.

Among those is a project down in Fort Bragg’s Noyo Harbor — which has seen a resurgence of bull kelp at restoration sites after teams of commercial divers, working in conjunction with scientists, culled urchin levels down to a very succinct number of two per square meter, the threshold anticipated to give fledgling kelp blades a fighting chance at survival.

Others include a partnership between the University of Washington and The Nature Conservancy, which has successfully reared young sunflower stars in captivity, with the hope of releasing them into the wild.

“What we’re attempting to do here is to raise a new generation of sea stars in the lab,” Jason Hodin, a Friday Harbor Lab research scientist leading the project, said in a 2021 university announcement on the project. “We’re hoping that our efforts can help in the process of recovery of the sunflower sea star and, ultimately, recovery of the health of ecosystems like the kelp forests that are under threat right now.”

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Marzia Fattori and Kalani Ortiz on Humboldt Bay with kelp starts.

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playing a role, not only in the recovery efforts but in conducting research needed to better understand the complex inner workings of the bull kelp ecosystem.

"It's a huge ecological disaster," said zoology and marine biology professor Sean Craig, who specializes in applied ecology of Marine Protected Areas and invertebrate zoology. "So it's a problem that's going to take a lot of scientists and a lot of collaboration and, unfortunately, it's going to take some time for us to even just understand better what happened and how things are going to change with future heat waves, as well as what can we do about all of this."

To that end, Craig and a team of graduate students are joining researchers from University of California at Davis and UC Santa Cruz to study sites at the mouths of the Big, Albion and Navarro rivers in Mendocino County, where patches of bull kelp appear to have held their ground.

The project includes plans to deploy instruments to measure salinity levels and water temperatures this summer, as well as lay out underwater transects and quadrats to count kelp and record marine life in sample areas.

"We have some evidence already that suggests that there are remnant refuge populations of kelp near the mouths of rivers," Craig said. "So we are turning our attention research-wise to try to figure out why they are doing well at those sites, and our leading hypothesis is the freshwater may be limiting the grazing of urchins enough to keep the kelp beds going there."

The working theory, he said, is those might be good places to concentrate restoration efforts.

"We don't really know why kelp are still in some patches and have disappeared

from other sites," Craig said. "We need to learn more and, of course, we need to find some areas, I would say, that we can expand upon, that we can begin to outplant kelp and begin to hopefully recover our kelp beds, so that's why we are focusing on these river output sites."

Ideally, he said, any restoration should be concentrated where "you think there's a better chance they will stay," noting the practice of replanting kelp "is still very much in its infancy."

That's where the commercial seaweed farm the CPH Fisheries Department is operating off Humboldt Bay can come into play, even if its inclusion was originally unintentional.

CPH started the living laboratory to research best practices and give students hands-on training in the up-and-coming industry by producing dulse seaweed, a native to the area that can be used in everything from fertilizer to food, providing a low-impact crop that doesn't need added nutrients or fresh water to grow.

But when bull kelp started showing up in the lines, the pilot project added the keystone species to the mix, developing technology to raise bull kelp in a nursery at the university's marine lab in Trinidad before transferring young blades out to the open ocean farm.

The project is now at the forefront of efforts to learn how to generate a stock of kelp that can be transplanted in recovery efforts. It's trying to answer key questions, including what materials bull kelp grows best on and the maximum water temperature bull kelp can tolerate as well as how transplant depth affects growth. In addition to guiding replanting efforts, the research also may provide insight into how the bull kelp will fare in the future amid increasingly dire climate crisis forecasts.



Bull kelp being farmed in Humboldt Bay.
Photo by Kalani Ortiz

So far, Humboldt County has weathered the storm better than areas to the south, said CPH graduate student Franklin Moitoza, who has surveyed MPAs from the Oregon border to Mendocino border and is part of the three rivers project.

While researchers haven't gathered official data on Trinidad's kelp beds since 2020, recent dives in the harbor area showed urchins have "cleared some spots but it's not widespread barren," he said.

And, Moitoza said, "we have seen a much higher abundance of red abalone in Trinidad than we've seen in the past," with most appearing to be in a similar size class, noting the local area's population has always been a bit patchy compared to a traditionally more widespread distribution on the Sonoma and Mendocino coasts, which made those areas more of a draw when recreational seasons were still open.

The work in Mendocino, he said, is also hoped to shed some light on the bull kelp forests' capacity for resilience, including how the ecosystem might be able to withstand singular stressors, like a marine heatwave, as opposed to the virtual kitchen-sink of ecological entanglements that have hit in recent years.

"If only one of those events happened, would it have the same effect?" Moitoza asked.

Like architects of the sea, Craig said kelp beds are often referred to as "ecosystem engineers" in reference to the underwater worlds created as single tendrils stretch up to the ocean surface to lay out a waxy canopy, providing both a sanctuary and the nutrients that other species — from sponges and crustaceans to abalone and lingcod — need to thrive.

"The blades are slowing down the ... water flow," Craig said. "They are entraining larvae to settle. They are creating nooks and crannies of habitat. They are supplying food. And all of those things that a kelp bed does quite literally creates a much, much more rich habitat and enhances local fisheries. Many of the rock fishes that are caught, the young are literally growing up in those kelp forests."

The "elephant in the room," Craig said, is: How often will these marine heatwaves hit the North Coast.

To preserve and conserve these unique coastal environments, he noted, the importance of healthy bull kelp forests cannot be overstated.

Moitoza agreed, adding that the kelp forests also play a critical environmental role by sequestering carbon at rates that even outpace the rainforest.

"The kelp is as essential as the Joshua Tree is to the desert, as the redwood trees are to our temperate rainforest, as oak trees are to the valleys, hills and grasslands," he said. "It's essential. And we notice the issues we're having on land ... but so much of what's happening in the ocean is out of sight."

"That's why we need to make sure we put a lot of energy into better understanding and protecting that system, the kelp system, as we do protecting the forests and grasslands on land."

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People in Trinidad hit by power outages line up for free, hot meals from the Los Giles Taqueria truck, funded by local organizations.
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Funded Food Trucks Roll to Trinidad

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill
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Co-owner Esmerelda Hernandez and the rest of the Los Giles Taqueria truck crew woke at 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 9 to start prep for more than 700 meals — around five times their usual day of sales. But this day, the black and gold truck will be posted up at Trinidad Town Hall, cooking burritos, tacos and quesadillas for folks left without power following stormy weather and high winds. “Right now, we’re prepared to serve over

700 meals, ... I do have my family going over there to serve but I’m staying behind to cook,” she says. The flier for the free meal lists a 1 to 5 p.m. window but, “I’m sure if there’s still people who need food, we’re gonna be there longer. ... It’s definitely gonna be a long day,” she adds with a small chuckle.

It’s not Los Giles’ first time feeding people in need. In the wake of the Dec. 20 quake, its owners and staff turned out hot meals for people in Rio Dell

who still didn't have potable water or power. Until the end of December, that effort was sponsored by World Central Kitchen, which sends relief teams and organizers to set up meal distribution in disaster-stricken areas around the world ("Food Trucks and World Central Kitchen to the Rescue," Dec. 29, 2022). But the torch has since been taken up by local organizations Humboldt Area Foundation, Wild Rivers Community Foundation, Humboldt Community Organizations Active in Disaster and Humboldt Made. Now the effort includes Rio Dell and Trinidad, and it's looking to head north to Orick.

Nick Bown-Crawford, executive director of Humboldt Made and a member of the food access group within HCO-AD, explains how the Jan. 1 aftershock hit Rio Dell just after World Central Kitchen had left town. He says, "I saw a very significant need to restart the hot meals program because [the aftershock] just double set people back." The World Central Kitchen model, which often includes sending local food trucks with their own power and water sources to areas without working utilities, wasn't new to him, having worked with the international aid organization in the past. In fact, Bown-Crawford says he set up a similar operation mobilizing local food vendors to feed people in need due to the pandemic in Atlanta. "I've done this close to a dozen times before. ... It was just a matter of finding a fiscal partner."

With funding from HAF and WRCF, in a couple days, some of the same food trucks that had been serving meals through Christmas, like Taste of Bim and Manzanilla, were back to feeding 600 to 800 people per day in Rio Dell. As under World Central Kitchen's sponsorship, Bown-Crawford says the vendors receive per-meal payment, and since Rio Dell restaurants are open again, he's able to buy meals from DJ's Burger Bar, Rio Dell Pizza Factory and the Patron Kitchen to be delivered to affected households in Loleta, Redcrest and Ferndale. Some of those meals came with treats from Eureka's Happy Donuts, too.

Trinidad City Manager Eli Naffah explains that within city limits, residents lost power Wednesday and Thursday due to the storm and its severe winds, and then again from Friday to Sunday, spoiling perishables in refrigerators. Naffah says he called Ryan Derby at the Office of Emergency Services to ask what

services were available and if there was a way to get hot meals like those being provided in Rio Dell. He says Derby then connected with HAF and Humboldt Made to set it up.

Starting with Los Giles Taqueria's service Monday, there's a roster of trucks ready to feed people in the Trinidad and Rio Dell regions, including Pupuseria San Miguel, Manzanilla, Taste of Bim, Pizza Gago, Frybread Love and Nou Nou's Food Truck, as well as Foggy Bottom Boys Farm cooking burgers using the farm's meat.

Naffah says city work crews printed fliers and distributed them to neighborhoods without power in the northern unincorporated areas to make sure word got to those hardest hit. Some neighborhoods around Big Lagoon sent a driver down to pick up as many as 40 meals to bring back and distribute. Trucks going north may be racking up a few more miles in the coming days, according to Bown-Crawford, as the operation is moving up the highway to better reach those unincorporated areas and will land in Orick.

The line for burritos and tacos has been busy, says Naffah. "We've had a lot of people coming in from the county area."

"We kind of started learning ever since we were contacted by World Central Kitchen," says Hernandez, "and now we're getting better at it." The pared down, three-item menu still has vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options, and they've shifted from passing food to volunteers to hand out to making meals to order. "A person might come with one big order for their family," she says, but they're ready. "We're not doing it for the money. We're trying to help."

The Los Giles truck will go south to Rio Dell for a last round of meals on Friday. But if Bown-Crawford or another organizer asks, the team is up for it. "We're just on call right now," says Hernandez, "if they need us, we'll be there."

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Jay Brown, artwork at Jacoby's Storehouse. Submitted

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1063 G St. Zak Shea, wood art.

The Surprise of Katie Pasquini Masopust's *Capriccio*

By Aundrea Stuckey
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Katie Pasquini Masopust stands beside her piece "Bellissima-Griglia."
Photo by Aundrea Stuckey

Now through Jan. 22 at The Morris Graves Museum of Art, Katie Pasquini Masopust displays her mastery of quilting and painting. Infusing her foundation in painting with her expertise in quilting, Pasquini Masopust invites spectators to see through a new and unique lens that at once comforts and stretches the imagination in her latest exhibition entitled *Capriccio*.

Prior to attending the exhibit I admit I had several assumptions about this traditional craft and the artist. However, like the title of the show, which Pasquini Masopust later described to me as meaning "outside of the box," I was given an unexpected glimpse into a joyful multidimensional and timeless world. The myriad of colors, patterns, and various scenes depicted had my imagination swirling. I found myself peering into whimsical gateways to other worlds. Admiring her piece entitled "Mescolana," which was undoubtedly my favorite, I transported me back in time to when I was a little girl and I'd snuggle up to my quilted baby blanket and dream up scenes dancing across the textiles. In this piece, a web of white circles overlap and intersect over light and deep purples and yellows that seem like splashes of watercolor from a distance.

The way her alternative quilt designs — with their painterly shapes and compositions — came to life, I found myself resisting the temptation to reach out and touch them. It was the combination of all

the colors and knowing they were soft, fabric quilts — alas! I was able to talk myself out of tampering with the fascinating designs. By this point all previous misconceptions I had about what quilts could be were utterly extinguished.

Roaming the gallery amidst the crowd of fellow captivated onlookers one of whom exclaimed, "I love her disruption of symmetry." As if responding to the remark, I spotted Pasquini Masopust standing in the back of the room opposite me. She was smiling ear to ear as she greeted me.

Pasquini Masopust did not grow up in a family of quilters. Instead, she culled her expertise from a few dedicated and passionate mentors. Among them was high school art teacher Jim Sullivan, who died recently. It was under his instruction Pasquini Masopust began to develop confidence in her artistry. She shared that Sullivan was her favorite teacher, a sentiment shared with many students during his 30-year career at Eureka High School.

So where does the quilt making come in? She says of her humble beginnings in quilt making, "I took a class and I thought it was embroidery, but it ended up being a quilting class. And I thought, 'This isn't really what I wanted to do.' I ended up staying in the class. It was a really good, cathartic thing to do while I was caring for my terminally ill mother, and they were just really supportive of my ideas and what I wanted to do, and so I thought, 'OK, I'll just make one quilt,' you know?

Now here's 40 years and hundreds of quilts later, I'm doing it!" She later studied under Michael James, whom she calls "The best quilter of all time." He eventually became her mentor and inspiration for becoming a teacher herself. In retrospect, it was really in community with encouraging artists and quilt makers that Katie developed her talent for paint-infused quilt making. Her reflection on the journey to becoming an expert in her field is a touching reminder of the influential role teachers and mentors play in shaping the lives of their students.

Pasquini Masopust hopes to familiarize the public with her take on the quilting she loves, "to have people come in and say, 'Oh, I thought those were paintings,' until they get up close and see that they're all made out of fiber. That's what I'm trying to do, to get people to be more familiar with it and accept it." The exhibition accomplishes this and more. Her quilts may not have been made to be pulled around you, but they still have an uncanny way of warming the soul and inspiring vision from the inside out. *Capriccio* will inspire you and tempt you. Just remember, do not touch! ●

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Steelhead Fishing on Hold as Storms Keep Coming

By Kenny Priest

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Relentless storms, one after the other, have steelhead anglers sitting idly by. And that's about all there is to do at the moment, and in the near future. The only chance to throw a line into anything resembling green water has been on the Smith River. And even that has been hit and miss. Flows finally receded enough Tuesday, providing drift boats with one of the few days of prime conditions. Come Wednesday, the river will be back on the rise and likely too big to drift by Thursday. It will remain green, so it will likely be a plunking show through the weekend. As for the local rivers, all I can say is patience.

Weather outlook

According to Jonathan Garner of Eureka's National Weather Service office, a series of storms systems are on tap for the next seven days. "We'll see a break Tuesday night but another front is approaching Wednesday that is a little more uncertain," said Garner. "In the Smith basin, between Tuesday and Sunday, 5 inches of rain are predicted. Here locally, we could see up to 5 inches around Humboldt Bay, with 6 to 8 inches likely in the higher elevations. In the Eel basin, we're looking at another 5 to 7 inches through Sunday. The next seven days look to be wet, but the 10-day outlook is potentially showing a dryer pattern."

The Rivers:

All North Coast rivers subjected to low-flow fishing closures including the Mad, Smith, main stem Eel, South Fork Eel, Redwood Creek and Van Duzen were open to fishing. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will make the information available to the public no later than 1 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday as to whether any river will be closed to fishing. The rivers can be opened at any time. The low-flow

closure hotline for North Coast rivers is (707) 822-3164.

For more information, visit fishingthenorthcoast.com/2021/09/22/2021-2022-low-flow-information-for-north-coast-rivers/.

Mad

The Mad receded to 8,550 cubic feet per second Tuesday, but with additional rain this week, the drop will be short-lived. Flows are predicted to rise throughout the week and top out 2 feet above monitor stage at 17,100 cfs (17 feet) Friday morning. It will need a couple weeks of dry weather to be fishable, especially with Ruth Lake full and spilling.

Main stem Eel

The main Eel remains extremely high and muddy as flows were 70,760 cfs as of Tuesday. Additional rain in the coming days will push flows to nearly 130,000 cfs by early Friday morning. Fernbridge is predicted to remain at or above monitor stage through the weekend.

South Fork Eel

The South Fork was flowing at 13,000 cfs as of Tuesday, but flows will be headed back up over the next few days. Flows are predicted to peak at 34,000 cfs Thursday evening before receding over the weekend. If and when the rain subsides for a few days, the South Fork would be one of the first coastal rivers to come into play. Unfortunately, that doesn't appear to be the case anytime soon.

Van Duzen

The Van Duzen was down to 5,000 cfs Tuesday, but is forecast to be up and down the next few days before peaking at 15,000 cfs Thursday. Expected to drop



Crescent City resident Sebastian Holmes landed a nice Smith River winter steelhead last week while fishing with guide Tyler Gillespie.

Photo courtesy of Mike Coopman's Guide Service

through the weekend, but will remain high and off color.

Smith

Tuesday provided the best conditions to drift the Smith as flows dropped below 12 feet on the Jed Smith gauge. These conditions will likely be short-lived as more rain during the week will keep flows above 13 feet beginning Thursday. The river will likely continue to hold its green color and plunking will be the best option through the weekend.

Chetco/Elk/Sixes

"Plunkers are catching a mix of hatchery and wild steelhead on the Chetco as flows drop, but drift boaters are waiting for the river to drop below 4,000 cfs," said Andy Martin of Wild Rivers Fishing. "That won't happen any time soon, as another storm is expected by the weekend. Driving to the Elk or Sixes also isn't an option, as U.S. Highway 101 is closed because of a major slide between Gold Beach and Port Orford. Because the slide is active, road officials have no estimated time when repairs will begin or be complete."

Read the complete fishing report at northcoastjournal.com.

Kenny Priest operates Fishing the North Coast, a fishing guide service out of Humboldt specializing in salmon and steelhead. Find it on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and fishingthenorthcoast.com. For up-to-date fishing reports and North Coast river information, email kenny@fishingthenorthcoast.com.

Plant Porn

Sorting through the crop of seed catalogs

By Julia Graham-Whitt

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Now that the ball has dropped, the hangovers have ceased, and the calendar page has turned, it's time to make those New Year's resolutions. No, not exercise or eating healthier, though you can do those things if you want. No, I'm talking about your New Year's garden resolutions! Did you grow anything in your garden last year or was the ennui of the whole year just too much for you?

This is the time of the year when seed catalogs start to arrive in my mailbox. Or, as I like to call it, plant porn. The photos are gorgeous, showing picture after picture of perfect vegetables, or flowers that you just know would do well in your garden, despite them needing zone 5 to grow successfully. But what's a zone? How do you know your zone?

There are several sources available to find out which zone you're in. The most common one many gardeners use is the Sunset Western Gardening Zones, which takes into account the total climate: length of growing season, rainfall, winter lows and summer highs, wind and humidity. If you don't happen to have a copy of the Sunset Western Gardening book (I have three), go online to sunsetwesterngardencollection.com/climate-zones/zone/northern-california.

Another source is the USDA Cold Hardiness Zone Map, which is based on the average annual extreme minimum temperature during the past 30-years, not the lowest temperature that has ever occurred or might occur in the future. You can also go to planthardiness.ars.usda.gov and input your zip code to learn which zone you're in.

Humboldt County falls into multiple zones: 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b and 10a.

Newly arrived gardeners in Humboldt County often try to plant the things that grew well in their old location. Sadly, folks who moved here from Sacramento, the Bay Area or even farther out, Southern California, find that they can't grow everything they could before. Anyone who has tried to grow heirloom tomatoes outdoors on the coast knows what I'm talking about.



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Thankfully, some seed catalogs tell you the growing conditions that are ideal for the seed packets you purchased. Some include zones, but others will tell you the minimum soil temperature the seeds need to sprout, whether you want to direct sow — put directly in the ground — or start indoors. There are dozens of seed catalogs out there, some targeted at particular growing regions. Territorial Seed Co. specializes in seeds and plants that grow well in the Pacific Northwest, which Humboldt County is considered part of, due to our growing season. Others are geared toward particular interests, like medicinal seeds or tomatoes, for example. There really is a catalog that only sells tomato seeds and plants.

But now that you've gotten all those beautiful plant porn pictures in your mailbox, how do you know what type of seed it is? Is it organic, GMO, OP (open-pollinated) or FI?

My bias is toward open-pollinated because I like to save seeds for the following year. OP means that you'll get the same plant as the plant the seed came from. FI is a hybrid variety. If you save seeds from FI plants, it won't be true to the parent plant. This is why I've yet to find anyone who successfully grew seeds from a favorite variety of cherry tomato, Sungold. Delicious little sugar bombs of tomato delight. It's a hybrid, so you'll need to plant new seeds each year from the supplier or purchase plants from our local nurseries.

Some catalogs go into very explicit detail about the seeds and have a legend at the front of the catalog, so you know what kind of seed you're getting. Others are more generic, and you have to decide if you're willing to grow plants that are GMO (genetically modified), or if you only want seeds that are untreated.

The next crucial piece of information

you want is how long it takes to grow the plant/vegetable/flower. Some vegetables take far longer to ripen than our shorter season allows. Corn is a good example. A farm in Willow Creek can grow a longer season corn than those on the coast, but it's possible to grow corn here. Just look for a short season variety of around 80-85 days as it is more likely to be successful than a variety that takes 120 days. The number of days that is listed on the seed packet is how long it takes to get the desired fruit or veggie after it's sprouted. Soil temperature is also important to take into consideration. Some seeds won't sprout well if the soil is too cool.

But let's say you've planted a garden every year for decades, and you have those things that absolutely must go in your garden, because you love to can pickles or eat garlic in every dish except ice cream. Consider trying out a new variety from one of the catalogs. You might be surprised at how well you like it. Also, don't forget the flowers! If you want those fruits and veggies to get pollinated, you want to draw pollinators to your garden. Having many flowers is a great way to attract them.

Finally, it's coming up on bare root season at our local nurseries. Several already have berries, roses and rhubarb. Fruit and ornamental trees will be arriving in the next few weeks. In addition to having a variety to choose from, bare root plants are less expensive and as long as you plant them soon after getting them home, they'll have time to get all settled in with our winter that appears to be a real winter this year. Fingers crossed.

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Where is my Mind

By Collin Yeo

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Having taken advantage of the break in the weather to deliver a load of firewood to my dear friend Pat, I am currently basking in the warm sense of accomplishment, or perhaps that's the after-effect of the sauna I enjoyed with another friend. Either way, I'm feeling pretty fat and sassy at the moment, gorged on good feelings and a manageable amount of sobriety. I will admit to navigating my week of virtuous abstinence with an attendant vice or two. Most specifically, I've been indulging in flavored vapes, scratching the cheap reward-monkey part of my brain as I watch those cartridges disappear from the shelves like disfavored communist party bosses being erased from group photos with Stalin. I have to say, however you feel about blunt wrappers, menthol cigarettes and the previously mentioned flavored mini-fog machines, abolishing those vices sure seems pretty grotesque coming from a state that doesn't provide universal, single-payer healthcare. I know liberal politicians are generally pretty useless but this seems like a bridge too far. Either give us healthcare (and not that insurance company windfall travesty called Obamacare) or stay out of our private vices. You'd think that it's a reasonable ask but here we are, marooned on the shores of crappy Democratic policy. Anyway, I'm in a good mood otherwise, having dug into better habits for the bulk of my freshly-minted 2023 behavior, and a quick audit of my brain suggests while I might be out to sea at the moment, there are many fine ports of call ahead of me, and I'm sailing by only the truest stars. What I'm saying is, I am going to do everything I can to wrestle a good year out of this coming set of months and I invite you to do the same. Let's start with this week, shall we?

Thursday

Okie dokie, here's a new gig for this column: The Humboldt Bay Social Club is putting on a regular free **comedy night** on Thursdays, which, as I understand it,

is being done in conjunction with the good people over at Savage Henry. But that's not even the best of it, so allow me to sweeten the pot. If you show up at 6 p.m. for the free comedy with \$20 in hand, you can get your nails done while quaffing cocktails. What? I know, wild.

Friday

Sons Of is a mini-indie supergroup, featuring Sam Prekop of The Sea and Cake (and also the nephew of my dear late friend Jack Turner) and John McEntire from Tortoise. Both groups were groundbreaking in the '90s and early aughts, due in no small part to the efforts of the aforementioned gentlemen. Come see what I'm talking about at the Miniplex at 8 p.m.; I guarantee this is going to be a good show. **Jeremiah Chiu** opens (\$20, \$15 advance).

Saturday

My featured show of the week has got to be tonight's affair at the Arcata Playhouse, where at 7:30 p.m. the music will begin and the good times will roll. I am talking about the album release party for **Wild Abandon**, a local group whose musical pedigree somehow manages to outweigh the considerable talent of its members, many of whom are familiar faces in our little scene. If you doubt my convictions, you have only to check out the new music video for the group's tune *Alaskan Beauty* to see what I am talking about. As someone who has described our county as the Alaska of California more than a few times, this one vibes with me. **Jacki and the Jollies** will be getting their jollies off as the opening act, so be punctual (\$10-\$20 sliding scale).



The Shutups play the Outer Space at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15.

Photo courtesy of the artists

Sunday

Here's a nice trifecta with a little bit for everyone on the Lord's day of rest. First up at 3 p.m., if you are interested in hearing organ music done in the proper setting and by a master, head over to Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka and check out a performance by world-renowned organist **Ken Cowan**. The suggested donation is \$20, which seems like a steal to me. If your tastes are more along the indie/DIY side of things, then the Outer Space has a good gig for you at 7 p.m., where a sliding scale door price starting at \$5 will get you access to three bands: touring act **Shutups**, and local allstars **Los Perdidós** and **The Critics**. Finally, if you really love the confluence of nostalgia, novelty and hip hop, you could do a lot worse than heading over to Humbrews at 9 p.m. to hear **Afroman** do his song about that time he got high and the calamities that followed (\$30, \$25 advance).

Monday, MLK Day

One of my very favorite Humco bands is playing a gig to kick off its tour of the Pacific Northwest at Siren's Song Tavern tonight at 7 p.m. **Blackplate** will be joined by Eureka quartet **Dirt Magic** in making a bit of sonic magic for the

public's pleasure. My buddy Sean from the first band tells me he's not sure what the door price is but assures me \$5 toward gas will go a long way.

Tuesday

Back from the dead like a risen phoenix after the lethargic paralysis of COVID, the Miniplex is once more hosting Latin Dance Night with **DJ Pachanguero**. I can tell you that my foggiest memories from the pre-plague times are pleasantly colored by this event, and if you want to partake and make some new memories of your own, roll through at 9 p.m. There's no cover, but a two-drink minimum is encouraged.

Wednesday

Loathe as I am to promote yet another **karaoke night**, I have to drop a mention here, as I feel that the Logger Bar doesn't get enough attention and I certainly haven't dropped a line about this joint in enough recent columns. So, here's my endorsement for the evening: Go check out **KJ Dustin's** set-up starting at 8 p.m. and sing a song for everyone. It's free.



Collin Yeo (he/him) is a silly man. He lives in Arcata

Calendar

Jan. 12 – 19, 2023



Wild Abandon. Courtesy of the artists

Friends, put on your dancing shoes and hoof it to the **Arcata Playhouse** for a special evening of music, dancing, drinks and supporting local musicians at the **Wild Abandon Album Release Show, Saturday, Jan. 14** from **7 p.m. to midnight** (\$10-\$20 sliding scale). The band members self-produced their second album *Character Study* and are ready to play it live for you. Join them and some of their musical friends for that, plus tunes by Jacki & the Jollies. Later, dance to DJ Bumblecrow into the night. Beer, wine, cocktails are mocktails available for purchase.

12 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

Thursday Night Art. 4-7 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Bring your own supplies or use what's around to collage, paint, draw, make an art book. Bring an instrument to jam in the Great Hall. Free, \$5-\$20 donation appreciated. sanctuaryarcata.org.

BOOKS

Beelzebub's Tales to His Grandson Radio Hour. 10-11 p.m. This week, begins the Second Series of GI Gurdjieff's *All and Everything*: "Meetings With Remarkable Men," Episode 1: Chapter 1 (Part 1): Forward and introduction. Free. rybopp@suddenlink.net. HumboldtHotAir.org. (707) 826-7567.

MUSIC

McKinleyville Community Choir Rehearsal. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 E. 16th St. Join if you like to sing or play an instrument. Reading music or prior experience not necessary. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening. ccgreene46@gmail.com. (831) 419-3247.

Trinity Alps Chamber Music Festival. 7 p.m. Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St. Program features music of Schubert, Schumann and Beethoven. Free, donation suggested. eurekawomansclub.org.

FOOD

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. 3-4 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Help fight hunger and improve nutrition in the community. Visit the website to be invited to a Zoom orientation. Free. volunteer@foodforpeople.org. foodforpeople.org/volunteering. (707) 445-3166, ext. 310.



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Join HC Black Music and Arts Association, Black Humboldt and others for **MLK Learning Day, Monday, Jan. 16** from **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at **Arcata Community Center** (\$10 donation, \$5 for youth under 12, bring a can of food for the Third Bags of Love drive). The event will have live music, speakers, dance, food vendors and resource sharing to empower the community. Money raised goes toward the Glen Edward Kuumba Literacy Foundation to improve school retention and literacy awareness for youth. Before the event, gather with the community at the **Arcata Plaza at 8:15 a.m.** for the **MLK March** (free).

ETC

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents classes focused on strength and mobility (Tuesday), and on relaxation and breath work (Thursday). Contact instructor Ann Constantino for online orientation. \$3-\$5 donation per class, no one is turned away for lack of funds. annconstantino@gmail.com. sohumhealth.org. (707) 923-3921.

13 Friday

ART

Arts! Arcata. Second Friday of every month, 4-8 p.m. City of Arcata. Celebrate the visual and performing arts in Downtown Arcata during Arts! Arcata. Enjoy art, shopping, live music, events and more.

COMEDY

Home Improv-ment. 7 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Hosted by Stephanie Knowles with no pressure, just fun and a chance to try something out of your comfort zone. Free, donations accepted. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Please Don't Leave. 11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Scott Hoyle runs this improv-based comedy show with a rotating panel of the best local comedians and touring comics. \$5. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

MOVIES

Friday the 13th PT8: Jason Takes Manhattan (1989). 8-10:45 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 6 p.m. Movie starts at 9 p.m. Rated R. All ages (12 and under parental guidance recommended). Tonight's feature is audience participation ala *Rocky Horror*, *The Room*, *MST3K*. Retro gaming in the lobby. Tonight's game: Friday the 13th (NES). \$8, \$12 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/5626651707424943. (707) 613-3030.



Chris West with condor SPZ. Courtesy of Chris West

The **Sequoia Park Zoo Conservation Lecture Series** continues this week with a hybrid event (in-person and on Zoom) on the Yurok Tribe's reintroduction of the condor to the region. Chris West, Manager of the Northern California Condor Restoration Program, discusses the conservation history of the endangered California condor in **California Condor Reintroduction Update**, happening **Wednesday, Jan. 18**, at **7 p.m.** in **Sequoia Park Zoo's Flamingo Room** (free). There will be a zoo update slideshow at 6:45 p.m. with the lecture and Q&A following. To attend virtually, find the Zoom at SequoiaParkZoo.net or through the zoo's social media.

MUSIC

Friday Night Jazz. 7-10 p.m. The SpeakEasy, 411 Opera Alley, Eureka. Live local jazz with the Opera Alley Cats. Free. elvisatemydonuts@hotmail.com. (707) 444-2244.

Kenny Bowling. 9-midnight. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Country music. Every Friday.

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FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help with animal care, weeding, watering, planting and occasional harvest help on Saturday mornings. Volunteers get free produce. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

ETC

Public Skate. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. In the Firemen's Pavilion. \$5.50 ages 6 and over, \$3.50 ages 5 and under, \$2 non-skating adult or free w/ skating child.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum

Health presents online classes with short, high intensity cardio workouts. Contact instructor Stephanie Finch by email for a link to the class. Free. sfinch40@gmail.com. sohumhealth.com.

14 Saturday

ART

Second Saturday Family Arts Day. 2 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Families will create mixed media collages inspired by Katie Pasquini Masopust's art quilt/textile work. All materials will be supplied. Free. humboldtarts.org.

COMEDY

Farm to Table: Late Night Comedy. 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Baseball Robby curates this small batch artisanal stand-up comedy showcase. \$5. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

MUSIC

Wild Abandon - Album Release Show. 7 p.m.-midnight. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Celebrate the release of the band's second album *Character Study* as they play it live. Also, Jacki & the Jollies and DJ Bumblecrow play and spin music late into the night. Beer, wine, cocktails, mocktails available. \$10-\$20 sliding scale. musicwildabandon@gmail.com. arcataplayhouse.org. (925) 212-2643.

FOOD

Arcata Plaza Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and more. Enjoy music (during the main season) and hot food vendors at this fun, family friendly event. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/arcataplaza.html. (707) 441-9999.

Fortuna Sunrise Rotary Seafood Boil. 5:30 p.m. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. Auction, drinks, dinner. \$99/person.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown on site, local eggs and sourdough bread. Work from local artists and artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Jan. 13 listing.

MEETINGS

Sistahood. 9:30-11 a.m. Virtual World, Online. For women teenagers and older on Zoom, to build healthy relationships and strengthen ties through validation and affirmation. Music from 9:30 a.m., open conversation from 9:45 a.m., meditation with the Sista Prayer Warriors from 10:45 a.m.

OUTDOORS

Audubon Guided Field Trip. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring binoculars and meet trip leader Kathryn Wendel at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) for easy-to-walk trails, bay views and a diverse range of winter birds, including ducks, geese, shorebirds, raptors, loons, grebes and mergansers. Free. rras.org.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Join marsh docents (volunteers recruited and trained by FOAM) for a 90-minute guided

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walking tour. Please bring masks and observe COVID protocols. (707) 826-2359.

Habitat Improvement Team Volunteer Workday. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Help restore habitat by removing invasive, non-native plants and maintaining native plant areas. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring drinking water. Tools, gloves and snack provided. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

ETC

Public Skate. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. See Jan. 13 listing.

15 Sunday

COMEDY

Stand-up Comedy Workshop. 6-7 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Led by local stand-up comic Jessica Grant. Bring a pen or pencil, and circle up to talk shop about jokes. Open to anyone interested in performing stand-up comedy. Drop-ins welcome. Free, donations accepted. JessicaGrantComedy@gmail.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Sunday Open Mic. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Sign-ups at 9 p.m., show at 9:30 p.m., local favorite features for the 10@10. Comics get five minutes. Zero hate speech tolerated. All-ages w/caution for language. Snacks, drinks. Free, donations accepted. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

MOVIES

Inglorious Basterds (2009). 5-8:45 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. Rated R. All ages (12 and under parental guidance suggested). Retro-gaming in the lobby. \$8, \$12 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/1206229473603231. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Concert Organist Ken Cowan. 3-5 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 15th and H streets, Eureka. Concert organist Ken Cowan plays the newly installed Kegg pipe organ, performing pieces from Humperdinck's Prelude to Hansel and Gretel to Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E minor. Reception follows the concert. \$20. christchurcheureka@gmail.org. christchurcheureka.org/concerts/. (707) 442-1797.

Sunday Jazz Jams. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Every Sunday. Jazz players, all ages, all levels. Bring your ax and play some Real Book tunes. Everybody who wants to plays. Free. blondiesfoodanddrink@gmail.com. blondies-foodanddrink.com. (707) 822-3453.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

Pancake Breakfast. Third Sunday of every month, 8-11 a.m. Mattole Grange, 36512 Mattole Road, Petrolia. All the scratch-made pancakes you can eat, organic eggs cooked to order, bacon or local sausage, coffee or milk, organic orange juice. \$10, \$5 for ages 7-12, free for ages 6 and under. evenson@igc.org. (707) 629-3421.

OUTDOORS

Art & Nature at the Refuge. Third Sunday of every month, 1-4 p.m. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Art and nature exploration activities for all ages and abilities. Drop-in anytime between 1 and 4 p.m. Rain or shine. There's a different theme each month. Two local children's book author/artists will be reading their books. Free. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

Audubon Guided Field Tour. 9-11 a.m. Eureka Waterfront, Foot of Del Norte Street. Join tour leader Ralph Bucher on a flat, paved, wheelchair accessible trail with species abundance and diversity. Email to sign up. Free. thebook@reninet.com. rras.org.

Third Sunday Dune Restoration Work Days. Third Sunday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Ma-le'l Dunes South, Young Lane, Arcata. Help remove invasive plant species to make room for native plant diversity. Tools and snacks provided. Please bring water, face masks and wear work clothes. Meet at the Ma-le'l South parking lot. dante@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org/dert-days. (707) 444-1397.

ETC

Public Skate. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. See Jan. 13 listing.

16 Monday

BOOKS

Equity Arcata's Community Book Club. Third Monday of every month, 4-6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Alia Dun-

phy and Meridith Oram discuss Adrienne Marie Brown's book *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*. On Zoom. Register online. equityarcata.com.

EVENTS

MLK Learning Day. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Enjoy food vendors, artists' creations to take home, a kids station, reggae soul bands, a gospel choir, keynote Ambassador Storyteller and musical composer Benjamin Mertz, gospel artist Yukon and sharing resources to empower the community. \$10 donation, \$5 for youth under 12.

MLK Day of Service. 8 a.m. Youth Educational Services, 1 Harpst St., Arcata. CalPoly Humboldt students, staff and faculty and community members are welcome. Learn more and register online by Jan. 10. yes.humboldt.edu/mlk.

MLK March. 8:15 a.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets.

FOOD

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 12 listing.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

Humboldt Bounsklee League. 6-8 p.m. Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata. Weekly league nights. Purchase of any wood bounsklee from Humbrews or the website



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Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 13 listing.

17 Tuesday

MUSIC

Opera Alley Cats. 7-10 p.m. The SpeakEasy, 411 Opera Alley, Eureka. See Jan. 13 listing.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Virtual World, Online. Build English language confidence in ongoing online and in-person classes. All levels and first languages welcome. Join anytime. Pre-registration not required. Free. englishexpressempowered.com. (707) 443-5021.

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 12 listing.

Trivia Night. Third Tuesday of every month, 6-9 p.m.

Redwood Curtain Brewing Co. Myrtle Ave. Tasting Room, 1595 B Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Test your knowledge while enjoying craft beer. The winning team wins a Redwood Curtain gift card. (707) 269-7143.

18 Wednesday

ART

Figure Drawing. 6-8:30 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. \$5. blondiesfoodanddrink.com.

BOOKS

On the Same Page Book Club. 5:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Online book club that meets on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom. Sign up using the Google form at forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgJk7.

COMEDY

Open Mikey. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. The longest running comedy open-mic in the county. Sign up at 9 p.m. for a five-minute set. Show at 9:30 p.m. Snacks, drinks, zero hate speech tolerated. All-ages w/caution for language. Free, donations accepted. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Washington Square Wednesdays. 6-9 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Bring your own board and play chess. Snacks, drinks, friendly atmosphere for all-ages. ID to drink. Free, donations accepted. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

LECTURE

California Condor Reintroduction Update. 7 p.m. Sequoia Park Zoo, 3414 W St., Eureka. Chris West of the Northern California Condor Restoration Program discusses conservation of the endangered birds and the Yurok Tribe's reintroduction of them to the region. Zoo update slideshow at 6:45 p.m. Lecture at 7 p.m. both in-person and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82504719560?pwd=a3NReVBHbTgwRXR3bEpXSjVzRjBwZz09>. Free. www.sequoiaparkzoo.net.

Vihangam, Birds and Birdwatching in India. 7 p.m. Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata. Wildlife researcher, photographer, guide and conservationist Karthik Sai, joins virtually from India. Hot drinks and goodies at 7 p.m. Zoom in with online link or come fragrance-free. Free. rras.org.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Pacific Rim (2013). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 6 p.m. Raffle at 6:55 p.m. Main feature at 7 p.m. Rated PG-13. All ages (12 and under parental guidance suggested). \$5, \$9 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/688115426045048. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Bayside Ballads and Blues. 6-8 p.m. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Every Wednesday.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10

a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Jan. 13 listing.

ETC

Pints for Non-Profits: Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewery & Tasting Room, 550 South G St., #4, Arcata. Drink for a good cause all day. Plus music by The Elderberry String Band from 6-9 p.m. redwoodcurtainbrewing.com.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 13 listing.

Wellness and Nutrition. 12-1:30 p.m. Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St. The program, featuring Certified Wellness Coach Pamela Nance Lee, begins at 12:30 pm following a brown bag lunch at noon. Free. ewc@eurekawomansclub.org. eurekawomansclub.org (707) 442-3458.

19 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Jan. 12 listing.

Thursday Night Art. 4-7 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. See Jan. 12 listing.

MUSIC

McKinleyville Community Choir Rehearsal. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 E. 16th St. See Jan. 12 listing.

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ETC

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 12 listing.

Heads Up ...

Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival. Artwork may be dropped off at the Interpretive Center (open Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.) or mailed to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville, CA, 95519. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. March 18. Questions should be e-mailed to sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS) is sponsoring its 18th annual student nature writing contest. Up to six cash prizes will be awarded for the best essay(s) or poem(s) on "What Nature Means to Me," by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in grades four through 12. Visit rras.org or godwitdays.org to view a flyer with instructions on how to enter the contest. Deadline for receipt: 5 p.m., March 18. Questions should be directed to sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

Arcata's EXIT Theatre invites submissions of short plays for its premier Short Play Festival, held March 24-26 and March 31-April 2. Festival theme: journey. Open to interpretation. Submit one original work, no more than

10 minutes long in PDF or Word format. Send as an attachment to mail@theexit.org by Jan. 31. Email questions.

Sign up for the annual Mad River Steelhead Derby running now through Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. Three biggest fish in the adult division will win \$500, \$300 second place, \$150 third place. Three winners in the youth division, 16 years and under will win \$100, \$75, \$50 gift certificates. Plus, steelhead fishing video prizes and weekly raffle drawings for registered Derby anglers. Follow the Derby on social media and at madrivesteelheaderby.com.

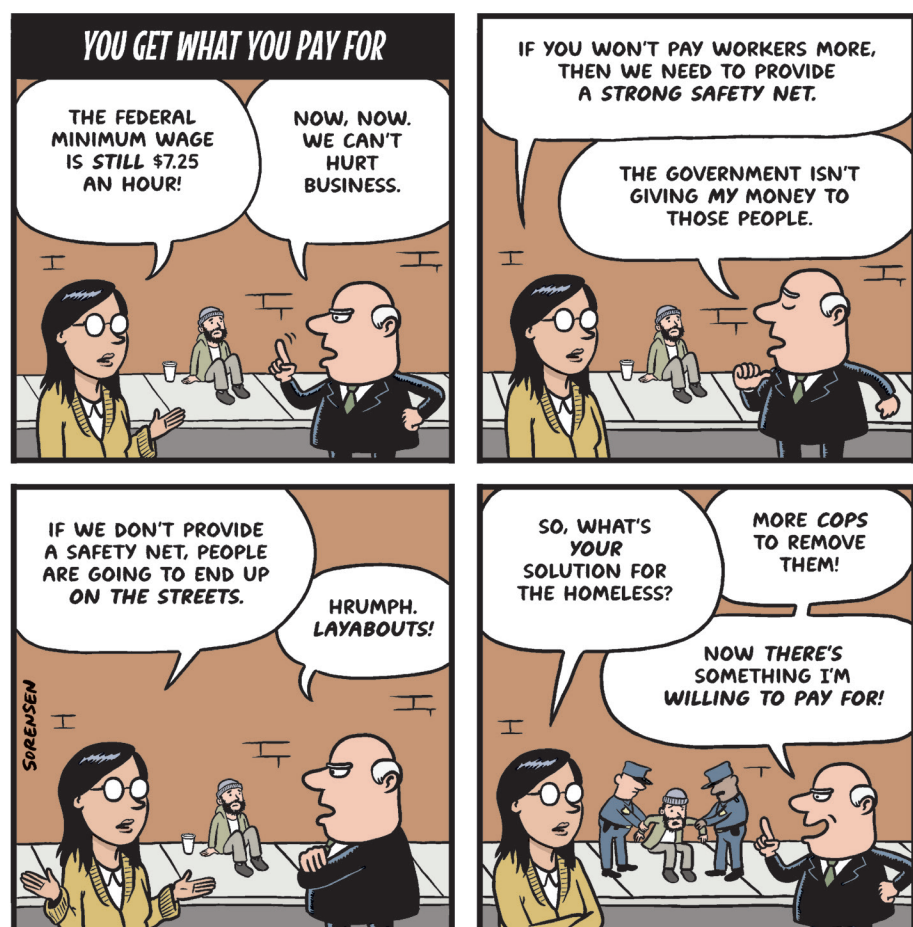
Personas, College of the Redwoods' literary journal with a multilingual focus, is accepting submissions of original poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, essay and art that considers the experience of multilingualism, now through midnight March 16. Send your submissions to jonathan-maiullo@redwoods.edu with the subject line "Personas Submission" and the title of your work. For info, call (707) 476-4527, email or visit redwoods.edu/ah/Home/Personas.

Seroptimist International of Humboldt Bay announces six monetary awards and/or scholarships. Find more and find a link to all applications at serooptimistofhumboldt.org.

KEET-TV seeks a diverse group of individuals to join its Community Advisory Board. Meetings are held quarterly on Zoom. Go to KEET.org to find the link at the bottom of the page.

Become a volunteer at Hospice of Humboldt. For more information about becoming a volunteer or about services provided by Hospice of Humboldt, call (707) 267-9813 or visit hospiceofhumboldt.org. ●

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Babylon Towers

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BABYLON. As soon as we saw the trailer, my wife, who plays her cinephilia close to the vest most of the time, said, “I want to see that! It looks like a Coen brothers movie, doesn’t it?” When the time came to commit, though, she was less enthusiastic, (like most of the intended audience). This is, after all, a three-plus-hour meditation — albeit a lively one — on the excesses of early Hollywood and of some of the casualties of the transition from silence to sound. Even with the promise of nudity, drugs and a couple of our most luminous stars, it’s a big ask for somebody looking for a simple good time.

And at this moment in time, *Babylon* is emblematic of some kind of dying of the light, of the end of the end of grand excess in studio entertainment (perhaps) and of the writer-directors of such excess as figures of cultural significance. The irony of Damien Chazelle, perhaps the last old-fashioned creator Hollywood plans to mint, who, before the age of 40, has overseen increasingly complex productions about Golden Age musicals, the space race and Pre-Hays Hollywood, should not be lost on us.

The movie industry is our most self-referential one, a clubby capitalist cabal of attention-seekers reliant on the dumb adulation of the audience and the more pointed affirmation of its own — and hangers-on and wannabes like me, though I’m probably too pessimistic about the business at large to get any closer than I have — for its nourishment. Professional sports have taken a shot, but still run a distant second in the egomania championships. And for decades, most of us were willing participants, lining up whenever Hollywood put a long-form self-portrait in front of us. (The 1970s saw a period of borderline obsessiveness with 1920s American cinema, for example.) But as we draw nearer to the endpoint of the species, we become ever-less introspective, less prone to intellectualism, less inclined to study the past.

So *Babylon*, for all its kinetic, colorful glories, is a thing out of its time. Even setting aside its formal anachronisms — narrative and technical alike — the mere idea that this is a story about and exegesis on an artist’s often ambiguous feelings about their artform and the racket that has developed around it, places it well outside the sphere of contemporary

popular entertainment. It is full of ideas, after all, and the 21st century doesn’t particularly like ideas.

The movie opens, after a pointedly metaphorical sequence about a literal elephant, with a deservedly much talked-about bacchanal in the then-remote Bel Air home of a studio executive. There’s a drug buffet, wanton public sex acts and a searing-hot house band, against which backdrop the movers, shakers, soon to be has-beens and will-bes rub shoulders (among other parts). The camera is deliriously, impossibly unmoored, moving in and out of rooms to show us overdoses, split-second career-making business decisions, snubs and couplings in seamless, breakneck succession. From within and without this mêlée of decadence arrive the principles: Manuel “Manny” Torres (Diego Calva), child of immigrants with an unrelenting reverence for the movies; Jack Conrad (Brad Pitt), whose abysmal marriage statistics are the inverse of his box office to date; Sidney Palmer (Jovan Adepo) a trumpeter with the chops and the work ethic to transcend house party gigs; Nellie LaRoy (Margot Robbie), a new arrival whose self-confidence is matched perhaps only by her star power and insatiable appetites.

After the introductions, *Babylon* catches its breath before plunging into another incomprehensibly complex set-piece wherein, amid too many simultaneous movie productions to count (somewhere out in the desert), Nellie proves herself on camera and sets her career in motion, Manny becomes indispensable, and Jack nails the critical shot and makes a number of important deals despite drinking himself and his staff off their feet.

In short order, Manny has ascended to the position of studio production executive, where he tries to make a place for Sidney, who very quickly runs up against and away from the prejudices inherent in the machine (and the country at large). Meanwhile, Nellie and Jack both find themselves on the losing end of the battle for relevance in the face of a quickly changing business. By Hollywood ending standards, things do not really go well for anybody.

Chazelle is an outlier deep within a business that maybe does not realize it



Everyone hanging out without me. *Babylon*

has rapidly eliminated the places it long held for people like him. He started young, transitioning from obscurity to prominence with *Whiplash* (2014), then winning an Oscar for *La La Land* (2016). *First Man* (2018), an often-frustrating sort of masterpiece, was perhaps unfairly ignored and now *Babylon* plays like the work of an old-timer with unresolved beefs and love in his heart. I think he probably realizes his good fortune, as well as the fact that it may not last, which is why he poured everything into this fourth movie and put it all on the screen. It makes *Babylon* perfect in its imperfections, ragged and outsized, reverent and sacrilegious in the same breath. It intones that the cows are not sacred, after all, but one still weeps at their slaughter. R. 189M. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

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BLACK PANTHER: WAKANDA FOREVER. RIP, Chadwick Boseman. The Marvel comic franchise continues with Angela Bassett, Letitia Wright, Winston Duke and Tenoch Huerta Mejia as an amphibian king. PG13. 116M. MILL CREEK.

THE DEVIL CONSPIRACY. A creepy cult steals the shroud of Turin and a priest possessed by the angel Michael battles Lucifer on Earth. R. 111M. BROADWAY.

THE FABLEMANS. Steven Spielberg’s

coming-of-age story about a young filmmaker starring Gabriel LaBelle, Michelle Williams and Judd Hirsch. PG13. 151M. BROADWAY, MINOR.

M3GAN. Yes, she’s a child’s baby-influencer, uncanny-valley robot who turns on her family but she looks amazing and who among us? PG13. 102M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

A MAN CALLED OTTO. A grumpy widower (Tom Hanks) who’s lost the will to live bonds with a cat and the new family next door. Also starring Mariana Treviño. PG13. 126M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MET OPERA: FEDORA. Marco Armiliato conducts David McVicar’s production of the opera with a love triangle and murder. 165M. MINOR.

PLANE. A pilot (Gerard Butler) and a prisoner (Mike Colter) team up when their plane crashes in a war zone and passengers are taken hostage. R. 107M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH.

Sequel spinoff starring the swashbuckling cat voiced by Antonio Banderas. With Salma Hayek. PG. 100M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

THE WHALE. Brendan Fraser stars as a grieving, homebound writing professor in a drama by director Darren Aronofsky. R. 117M. BROADWAY.

WHITNEY HOUSTON: I WANNA

DANCE WITH SOMEBODY. Naomi Ackie stars as the iconic diva in a biopic about her rise to fame. PG13. 146M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

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Orion and the Pleiades

By Barry Evans

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If you can find Orion, you can find the red giant star Aldebaran, thence the Pleiades. In January of 2023, the prominent orange light above Orion's "arm" is Mars. Image courtesy of EarthSky.org

Winter nights here on Humboldt's coast often bring startlingly clear skies, complete with those bright winter constellations our ancestors knew, loved, feared and mythologized. Even from the streetlights of Old Town Eureka, with its confusing medley of ionized mercury and sodium vapors and plain vanilla white LEDs, you can still see Orion the Hunter chasing the Pleiad sisters across the heavens. He's been at this for a few millennia and I sometimes doubt he'll ever catch them.

I've written about Orion before ("Orion: Hunter of the Winter Skies," Jan. 1, 2015), but not his awkward relationship to the Pleiades, aka the Seven Sisters, whose photons we see from around the time Christopher Columbus sailed across the Atlantic Ocean. In case you're not familiar with them, they're the fuzzy patch (to aged eyes) or cluster of six individual stars (youthful eyes) that you'll find by extending a line, twice as far as Orion is tall, through the three stars of Orion's belt up and to the right.

*And if longing seizes you for sailing
the stormy seas,
When the Pleiades flee mighty Orion
and plunge into the misty deep
And all the gusty winds are raging,
Then do not keep your ship on the
wine-dark sea
But, as I bid you, remember to work
the land.*

That's the grumpy old farmer Hesiod ("Hesiod: Farmer, Poet, Misogynist," Sept. 9, 2022), who, like many a sodbuster, isn't known for his love of the sea. So yeah, the sisters are fleeing Orion into the misty deep of the western horizon. It's a twist on the usual boy-meets-girl story. Zeus had condemned their dad, the Titan Atlas, to support the world on his shoulders, leaving Mom — Pleione — to care for their seven daughters. One day they met Orion, who was out hunting and hit on

both the girls and their mother. This went on for years. Finally, Zeus got tired of the whole soap opera and transformed the women into doves (*pleiades* in Greek), putting them near their five half-sisters the Hyades and out of Orion's reach in the sky.

The interesting thing is, without a telescope, only six Pleiades stars are now visible because one of them, Merope, isn't as bright as it was back when the Greeks were mythologizing. (Next time you pass a Subaru — Japanese for Pleiades — notice the six stars in its logo.) One story from the ancient Greeks has it that the missing seventh sister, Merope, was ashamed of having a mortal husband, Sisyphus, and hid herself away.

And not just the Greeks. Anthropologists have found similar stories, complete with the "missing" seventh star, across the world, in European, African, East Asian, Indonesian, Native American and Aboriginal Australian cultures. According to Ray Norris (*Advancing Cultural Astronomy*), "Many cultures regard the cluster as having seven stars, but acknowledge only six are normally visible, and then have a story to explain why the seventh is invisible ... [Australian] Aboriginal stories say the boys, or man, in Orion are chasing the seven sisters — and one of the sisters has died, or is hiding, or is too young, or has been abducted, so again only six are visible."

In the summer sky, Orion sets as Scorpius is rising or, as the Greeks had it, he's being chased by a scorpion, perhaps a throwback to the 5,000-year-old Akkadian story of scorpion men found in the *Epic of Gilgamesh*. In any case, that's Orion's punishment, meted out by Artemis, goddess of chastity (among other things), for his relentless pursuit of the sisters. As we'd say nowadays, he just didn't get it: No means no. ●

Barry Evans (he/him, barryevans9@yahoo.com) likes the Navajo version of Orion, Atse Ats'ooosi, the First Slender One, protector (with bow and arrow) of his people.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3 WAS NOT REQUIRED BECAUSE THE LOAN IS SECURED BY NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MAY 31, 2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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TRUSTOR: Caleb O'Connor and Ruth O'Connor, husband and wife
DULY APPOINTED TRUSTEE: Harland Law Firm LLP

DEED OF TRUST RECORDED: August 25, 2016

INSTRUMENT NUMBER: 2016-016033 of the Official Records of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California

201603488, of the Official Records of the Recorder of Trinity County, California
DATE OF SALE: February 23, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Front entrance to the County Courthouse, 825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501

THE COMMON DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY IS PURPORTED TO BE: Vacant Land. Directions to the property may be obtained by pursuant to a written request submitted to Harland Law Firm LLP, 212 G Street, Suite 201, Eureka, CA 95501, within 10 days from the first publication of this notice.

See Exhibit A and Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof for the Legal Description.

Amount of unpaid balance and other charges as of January 4, 2023: \$211,941.89

Beneficiary may elect to open bidding at a lesser amount.

The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is stated above, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to fee and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

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Harland Law Firm LLP
John S. Lopez, Attorney,
Trustee for Beneficiary
The Mel and Grace McLean Foundation, a
California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTION

That real property situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows:

Tract F-3:

PARCEL ONE:

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26 and the East Half of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 5 East, Humboldt Meridian. EXCEPTING therefrom that portion thereof lying within Trinity County.

PARCEL TWO:

Easements for the use of roads on the following described lands:

Township 7 North, Range 5 East, Humboldt Meridian.

Section 22: The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter.

Section 23: The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter.

Section 25: The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the North Half of the Southwest Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter.

Section 28: The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the West Half of the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter.

Section 35: The North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter.

Section 36: The Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter.

Being the same as conveyed by the United States of America to Champion International Corporation, by Deed recorded January 4, 1988 in Book 1861 of Official Records, Page 672, subject to terms, provisions and conditions set forth therein.

PARCEL THREE:

An easement for roadway purposes along and across a strip of land in the South Half of the Northwest Quarter, the Southwest Quarter, and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter, Section 16, Township 7 North, Range 5 East, Humboldt Meridian, as conveyed by the United States of America to Champion International Corporation, by Deed recorded January 15, 1979 in Book 1540 of Official Records, Page 452, subject to terms, provisions and conditions set forth therein.

PARCEL FOUR:

A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress for all purposes over and across the existing road in the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, the South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16, the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, the East Half of the Southwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, all in Township 7 North, Range 5 East, Humboldt Meridian.

Being the same as reserved in Deeds recorded November 12, 2004 as Instrument No: 2004-39273-2; April 28, 2005 as 18575-3; and June 27, 2005 as Instrument No: 2005-21082-3, Humboldt County Official Records.

PARCEL FIVE:

A non-exclusive and perpetual right to use existing roads and to construct additional roads over, across and upon following described lands:

The Northwest Quarter of Section 25; and the Northeast Quarter of Section 26.

All in Township 7 North, Range 5 East, Humboldt Meridian.

Being the same right as granted by John B. Crook to United States Plywood Corporation, a New York corporation, by that certain Agreement by and between said parties dated August 19, 1963 and recorded August 29, 1963 in Book 751 of Official Records, Page 588, under Recorder's Serial No. 14259.

EXHIBIT "B"

The Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Scion 35, Township 7 North, Range 5 East, H.B.&M., according to the official plat thereof.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion thereof lying outside of Trinity County. 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

T.S. NO.: 22-00007 ORDER NO. FHBT-FTO2200249 LOAN NO.: 20030697 APN: 081-021-042, 081-021-038, 081-021-041, 081-021-035, 081-021-044, 081-021-045, 081-021-039, 081-021-046, 081-021-025 AND 081-021-033
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 13026, 12954, 12946, 12972, 12990
AVE OF THE GIANTS, MYERS FLAT, CA 95554 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/24/2000. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

TrustDeed Servicing, LLC, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/6/2000 as Instrument No. 2000-21274-II of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California. Executed By: William E Meagher, Trustee of the Joan and William Trust dated May 23, 1997 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). Date of Sale: 1/19/2023 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse at 825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof EXHIBIT "A" THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IN COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TRACT A That portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Westerly right of way line of the state highway at a point located 954.48 feet South and 7.18 feet West of the Northeast corner of said Section 30; thence South 32 degrees 44 minutes West, 1 50 feet; thence North 57 degrees 16 minutes West, 100 feet to the Easterly line of a 20 foot right of way; thence along said line North 32 degrees 44 minutes East, 186.84 feet to the Westerly line of said state highway; thence along said Westerly line Southeasterly along a curve with a radius of 1030 feet for an arc distance of 106.8 feet to the point of beginning. APN: 081-021-042 TRACT B PARCEL ONE That portion of Sections 29 and 30 in Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point marked by a 6 x 6 inch concrete monument on the Westerly right of way line of the state highway and located 1049.58 feet South and 83.63 feet East of the Northeast corner of aforesaid Section 30; thence

from said point of beginning along said right of way line South 47 degrees 22 minutes East, 96.30 feet; thence South 33 degrees 34 minutes West, 509.38 feet; thence South 57 degrees 21 minutes East, 381.58 feet; thence South 38 degrees 55 minutes West, 462.23 feet; thence North 51 degrees 05 minutes West, 554.57 feet to the Easterly line of a 20 foot right of way; thence along said line North 4 degrees 50 minutes East, 29.40 feet; North 22 degrees 12 minutes East, 91.22 feet to the Southwest corner of the Myers School 1-acre parcel; thence along the South line of said parcel South 68 degrees East, 170.16 feet; thence along the East line of said parcel North 22 degrees 12 minutes East, 256 feet; thence along the North line of said parcel North 68 degrees West, 20.16 feet; thence North 22 degrees 12 minutes East, 75.50 feet; thence North 58 degrees 43 minutes West, 1 51.99 feet to the Easterly line of aforesaid 20-foot right of way; thence along said right of way North 22 degrees 12 minutes East, 0.44 feet and North 32 degrees 44 minutes East, 339.79 feet; thence South 57 degrees 16 minutes East, 100 feet; thence North 32 degrees 44 minutes East, 150 feet to a point on the aforesaid right of way line of the state highway located North 43 degrees 42-1/2 minutes West, 131.42 feet from the point of beginning; thence following said right of way line Southeasterly along a curve with a radius of 1030 feet for an arc distance of 131.5 feet to the point of beginning. APN: 081-021-038 and 081-021-041 PARCEL TWO The right to use and maintain the present road right of way 20 feet wide lying 10 feet on each side of the following described centerline; BEGINNING at a point located North 40 degrees 26 minutes West, 248.52 feet from the above point of beginning; thence South 32 degrees 44 minutes West, 531 feet and South 22 degrees 12 minutes West, 451.04 feet and South 4 degrees 50 minutes West, 20 feet. PARCEL THREE The right of way 10 feet wide connecting the above right of way with the East Bank of the South Fork of Eel River and lying 5 feet on each side of the following described centerline; BEGINNING at a point located 1 305.56 feet South and 369.65 feet West of the Northeast corner of said Section 30; thence South 33-1/2 degrees West, 223 feet, more or less, and North 56-1/2 degrees West, 125 feet, more or less, to the said bank of said river, said centerline being 5 feet from and parallel with the Easterly and Southerly boundaries of a parcel of land formerly owned by Herbert J. and Leila M. Jones. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion thereof conveyed by Perry R. Hume and wife, and Sarah M. Corning, to Paul H. Zielke and Ethel A. Zielke, his wife, by Deed dated May 26, 1947, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of said county on July 10, 1947. PARCEL FOUR That portion of Section 30, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: COMMENCING on the East line of the 20-foot roadway deeded to W.C. Dorsey by Deed dated January 4, 1940 at a point located 1406.46 feet

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South and 391.87 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 30, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian; thence South 22 degrees 12 minutes West along the East line of said roadway, 256 feet; thence at right angles Easterly, 170.16 feet; thence at right angles Northerly parallel with said roadway, 256 feet; thence at right angles Westerly, 170.16 feet to the point of beginning. APN: portion of 081-021-035-000 PARCEL FIVE A right of way for roadway and the right to construct, fence and maintain the same over and along the strip of land deeded for right of way purposes to W.C. Dorsey by Deed dated January 4, 1940. Said right of way not to be exclusive, but to be shared in common with other parties. PARCEL SIX That portion of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point which is 1312.95 feet South and 356.32 feet from the Northeast corner of said section; thence South 22 degrees 12 minutes West, 100 feet; thence South 68 degrees East, 1 50 feet; thence North 22 degrees 12 minutes East, 75.5 feet; thence North 58 degrees 43 minutes West, 151.99 feet to the point of beginning APN: remainder of 081-021-035-000 PARCEL SEVEN That portion of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, and of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly right of way line of the state highway located 1114.80 feet South and 154.48 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 29, said point being also located South 47 degrees 22 minutes East, 96.30 feet form a concrete monument on said right of way line; thence along said right of way line, South 47 degrees 22 minutes East, 70 feet; thence South 35 degrees 22-1/2 minutes West, 194.45 feet; thence South 56 degrees 26 minutes East, 123.23 feet to the East line of land conveyed to H. Rawson Knight and wife, by Deed recorded November 19, 1947, in Book 22, Page 209 of Official Records, in the Office of the County Recorder of said county; thence South 38 degrees 47 minutes West, 302.69 feet to the most Southerly corner of said land; thence North 57 degrees 21 minutes West, 158.70 feet; thence North 33 degrees 34 minutes East, 509.38 feet to the point of beginning. APN: 081-021-044-000 and 081-021-045-000 PARCEL EIGHT A parcel in Section 30 of Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point located 1914.80 feet South and 541.12 feet West of the Northeast corner of said Section 30 (said corner being a one-inch iron pipe monument with brass cap; thence South 63 degrees 06 minutes East, 224.60 feet; thence North 38 degrees 55 minutes East, 84.93 feet; thence North 51 degrees 05 minutes West, 308.78 feet to the Easterly line of a roadway; thence along said line South 04 degrees 50 minutes West, 159 feet to the point of beginning. APN: 081-021-039-000

PARCEL NINE That portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point located 1705.64 feet South and 225.99 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 29; thence North 38 degrees 55 minutes East, 102.50 feet; thence North 50 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West, 81.36 feet, more or less, to the Southeast-erly line of the land conveyed to John E. Scott and wife, by Deed recorded June 6, 1949, under Recorder's Serial No. 5087, in the office of said Recorder; thence South 41 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds West along said Southeasterly line, 115.10 feet to a point which bears North 58 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence South 58 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds East, 85.48 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. APN: portion of 081-021-046-000 PARCEL TEN A parcel in Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point located 1482.92 feet South and 120.50 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 29; thence South 38 degrees 47 minutes West, 135.20 feet; thence South 50 degrees 19-1/2 minutes East, 137.23 feet; thence North 41 degrees 00-1/2 minutes West, 1 17.30 feet; thence North 50 degrees 48-1/2 minutes West, 140.73 feet to the point of beginning. APN: portion of 081-021-046-000 PARCEL ELEVEN That portion of Section 29 of Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point located 1713.98 feet South and 219.27 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 29; thence South 38 degrees 55 minutes West, 40 feet; thence North 57 degrees 21 minutes West, 222.00 feet; thence North 38 degrees 47 minutes East, 40 feet; thence South 57 degrees 21 minutes East, 222.88 feet to the point of beginning. APN: portion of 081-021-046-000 TRACT C That parcel in Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point located 1705.64 feet South and 225.99 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence North 58 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West, 85.48 feet, more or less, to the most Southerly corner of the parcel of land firstly described in the Deed to John E. Scott and wife, recorded June 6, 1949, under Recorder's File No. 5087, Humboldt County Records; thence North 58 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West, 137.23 feet to the most Westerly corner of said Scott parcel; thence South 38 degrees 47 minutes West, 6.90 feet, to the most Northerly corner of the parcel of land conveyed to Morrison & Jackson Lumber Company, a corporation, by Deed recorded April 15, 1949, under Recorder's File No. 3393, Humboldt County Records; thence South 57 degrees 21 minutes East, 222.88 feet to a point located 1713.98 feet South and 218.27 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 29; thence North 38 degrees 55 minutes East, 8.34 feet to the point of beginning. APN: remainder

portion of 081-021-046-000 TRACT D BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly right of way line of the state highway located 1,162.22 feet South and 205.98 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian; said point being also located South 47 degrees 22 minutes East, 166.30 feet from a concrete monument on said right of way line; and running thence from said point of beginning along said right of way line, South 47 degrees 22 minutes East, 134.55 feet; thence South 38 degrees 47 minutes West, 173.91 feet; thence North 56 degrees 26 minutes West, 123.23 feet; and thence North 35 degrees 22-1/2 minutes East, 194.45 feet to the true point of beginning. APN: 081-021-025-000 TRACT E BEGINNING at a point located 1,306.62 feet South and 362.80 feet East from the Northwest corner of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian; thence South 47 degrees East, 10 feet to the most Northerly corner of the parcel of land conveyed to Arthur J. Kelly and wife by deed recorded September 4, 1969 in Book 1015 of Official Records at page 107, under Recorder's File No. 12797, Humboldt County Records; thence along the Northwesterly line of said Kelly parcel, South 41 degrees 05 minutes West, 110.25 feet to the most Westerly corner thereof; thence along the Southwesterly line of said Kelly parcel, South 51 degrees 12 minutes East, 63.68 feet to the most Southerly corner thereof; thence South 41 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds West to the most Easterly corner of the parcel of land conveyed to Lucille C. Webb, by deed recorded July 17, 1968 in Book 968 of Official Records at page 118 under Recorder's File No. 10395, Humboldt County Records; thence along the Northeasterly line of said Webb parcel, North 50 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West to the most Northerly corner thereof; thence North 38 degrees 47 minutes East, 164.50 feet to the right of way line of the Old State Highway; thence along said line, South 47 degrees 22 minutes East, 78.65 feet to the point of beginning. APN: 081-021-033-000 Street Address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13026, 12954, 12946, 12972, 12990 Ave of the Giants Myers Flat, CA 95554 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$110,574.66. The beneficiary under said

Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-00007. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-

0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-00007 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/15/2022 TrustDeed Servicing, LLC 1968 S. Coast Hwy, Num 1250 Laguna Beach, California 92651 (916) 251-9196 Shannon Winford, Trustee Sale Officer TRUSTDEED SERVICING, LLC IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0419318 To: NORTH COAST JOURNAL

12/29/2022, 01/05/2023, 01/12/2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CASE NO. PR2300001

Audrey J. Wells, a/k/a Audrey Jennifer Wells
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Audrey J. Wells, a/k/a Audrey Jennifer Wells
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, Lindsay A. Marks In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that Lindsay A. Marks be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 2, 2023 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 3. You have been served with a Notice of Petition to Administer

Estate pursuant to which a court hearing has been scheduled. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, if you wish to appear at the court hearing, you must do so remotely. Instructions to appear remotely are set forth on the Court's website: www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: Robert Sinclair James D. Poovey, Inc. 937 Sixth Street Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 443-6744 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/12, 1/19, 1/26 (22-0007)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Mathias K. Nicklin, a/k/a Mathias Kai Nicklin CASE NO. PR2200365

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mathias K. Nicklin, a/k/a Mathias Kai Nicklin
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, John A. Herbert In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that John A. Herbert be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. **Bid Submission.** The City of Fortuna ("City") will accept sealed bids for its Annual Percolation Ponds Rehabilitation Project 2023 ("Project"), by or before February 9th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in the manner set forth in Section 1 of the Instructions to Bidders, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. The results will be posted on the City's website at: https://www.friendlyfortuna.com/your_government/public_works_notices.php.
2. **Project Information.**
- 2.1 **Location and Description.** The Project is located at the City of Fortuna Tom Cooke Wastewater Treatment Facility (180 Dinsmore Drive, Fortuna).
- The Project is primarily the rehabilitation of one larger percolation pond (South Pond), and alternatively another smaller pond (North Pond), including bottom and sloped walls, to restore the functionality of the ponds.
- Remove all material below the substrate in both ponds free from any effluent solids or river silt visible at this level, whichever is deeper (approximately 24"-36" and estimated at 1,500 to 2,100 cubic yards, contractor is responsible to verify).
- Both ponds shall be brought back to a finished depth of 18 feet. Lightly scrape the sides of each pond to remove loose material and remove the riprap at each outfall of the ponds. Store the riprap onsite for replacement to properly dissipate the outfall flow. Repair pond walls with river run, or reuse of bond material from the bottom if acceptable to match existing slopes. Material will be disposed of onsite approximately 300 yards from the construction site (final location determined by City Engineer, General Services Superintendent or Chief Treatment Plant Operator). Maximum size of dump trucks shall be 10-yard capacity to prevent damage to existing road.
- Prior to replacement of material, the bottom of the ponds shall be "ripped" with four (4) foot ripper bars. Replace material removed from the pond bottoms with ¾ washed rock (approx. 2000 tons) and reposition two pump boxes (one at the NE corner of the south pond, and the other at the southeast corner of the north pond), at finished grade level (at direction of WWTP staff). Additional riprap ¾ ton (material provided by City onsite) is available if needed when replacing each outfall slope location. Compaction of the pond sides and raking of the pond bottoms, with the bottom each pond having a gradual slope (Approx. 1-3%) toward the pump boxes, will be required prior to project finalization.
- Contractor shall assist City staff with the removal and re-installation of staff gauges (if necessary) in each pond (2). The location will be determined by City WWTP Staff. Contractor shall remove all access ramps into ponds prior to completion.
- 2.2 **Time for Completion.** The Project must be completed by May 14th, 2023. City anticipates that the Work will begin on or about April 12th, 2023, but the anticipated start date is weather dependent, provided solely for convenience, and is neither certain nor binding.
3. **License and Registration Requirements.**
- 3.1 **License.** This Project requires a valid California contractor's license for the following classification(s): General Class A.
- 3.2 **DIR Registration.** City may not accept a Bid Proposal from or enter into the Contract with a bidder, without proof that the bidder is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5, subject to limited legal exceptions.
4. **Contract Documents.** The bid forms and contract documents for the Project, and any addenda thereto ("Contract Documents") may be downloaded from City's website located at: https://www.friendlyfortuna.com/your_government/public_works_notices.php.
5. **Bid Security.** The Bid Proposal must be accompanied by bid security of ten percent of the maximum bid amount, in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to City, or a bid bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California on the Bid Bond form included with the Contract Documents. The bid security must guarantee that within ten days after City issues the Notice of Potential Award, the successful bidder will execute the Contract and submit the payment and performance bonds as specified in the Contract Documents, insurance certificates and endorsements, and any other submittals required by the Contract Documents and as specified in the Notice of Potential Award.
6. **Prevailing Wage Requirements.**
- 6.1 **General.** Pursuant to California Labor Code § 1720 et seq., this Project is subject to the prevailing wage requirements applicable to the locality in which the Work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to perform the Work, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes.
- 6.2 **Rates.** These prevailing rates are on file with the City and are available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. Each Contractor and Subcontractor must pay no less than the specified rates to all workers employed to work on the Project. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work must be at least time and one-half.
- 6.3 **Compliance.** The Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR, under Labor Code § 1771.4.
7. **Substitution of Securities.** Substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments is permitted under Public Contract Code § 22300.
8. **Subcontractor List.** Each Subcontractor must be registered with the DIR to perform work on public projects. Each bidder must submit a completed Subcontractor List form with its Bid Proposal, including the name, location of the place of business, California contractor license number, DIR registration number, and percentage of the Work to be performed (based on the base bid price) for each Subcontractor that will perform Work or service or fabricate or install Work for the prime contractor in excess of one-half of 1% of the bid price, using the Subcontractor List form included with the Contract Documents.
9. **Instructions to Bidders.** All bidders should carefully review the Instructions to Bidders for more detailed information before submitting a Bid Proposal. The definitions provided in Article 1 of the General Conditions apply to all of the Contract Documents, as defined therein, including this Notice Inviting Bids.
12. **Bidders' Conference.** A bidders' conference will be held on January 24th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., at the following location: 180 Dinsmore Drive, Fortuna CA, 95540 to acquaint all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Worksite. The bidders' conference is not mandatory.
13. **Estimated Cost.** The estimated construction cost for the base bid and alternative is \$90,000.

By: _____ Date: _____
Siana Emmons, City Clerk Publication Date: January 9th, 2023

END OF NOTICE INVITING BID

representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 26, 2023 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 3. You have been served with a Notice of Petition to Administer Estate pursuant to which a court hearing has been scheduled. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, if you wish to appear at the court hearing, you must do so remotely. Instructions to appear remotely are set forth on the Court's website: <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov>. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: James D. Poovey 937 Sixth Street Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 443-6744 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/5, 1/12, 1/15 (23-001)

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at auction by competitive bidding on the 18th of January, 2023, at 9:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Rainbow Self Storage.

The following spaces are located at 4055 Broadway Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt.

The following spaces are located at 639 W. Clark Street Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Silas Kiner, Space # 2007
Dixie Rogers, Space # 3114

The following spaces are located at 3618 Jacobs Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Jennifer French, Space # 1167
Desmend Yarbrough, Space # 1651

The following spaces are located at 105 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Dan Conant, Space # 289
John Ryan, Space # 305
Deserie Brackett, Space # 400

The following spaces are located at 1641 Holly Drive McKinleyville, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Hanna Landini, Space # 1102

The following spaces are located at 2394 Central Avenue McKinleyville CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Ewan Brown, Space # 9507

The following spaces are located at 180 F Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Rosco Reidel, Space # 4362
Mark Jodway, Space # 4410
Velina Godoy, Space # 4436
Tee'Ara Smith, Space # 4714
Jasmine Martin, Space # 7030
Liliana Castaneda, Space # 7049

The following spaces are located at 940 G Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to:
Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools, misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. vard tools.

misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

Anyone interested in attending Rainbow Self Storage auctions must pre-qualify. For details call 707-443-1451. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All pre-qualified Bidders must sign in at 4055 Broadway Eureka CA. prior to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchased items are sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation for any reason whatsoever. Auctioneer: Kim Santsche, Employee for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2023 and 12th day of January, 2023

SUMMONS By Publication TO: Lino Chavez Trujillo you have been sued by Yadira Vega

The Petitioner, in the Magistrate Court in and for Cassia County, Idaho, Case No.CV2013-0828.The nature of the claim against you is a Petition for Modification. A copy of the Summons and Petition can be obtained by contacting the Clerk of the Court at 208-878-7351 1559 Overland Ave Burley, ID 83318. If you want legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Date: December 28, 2022 Minidoka County /s/ Jennifer Dockter, Attorney at Law

1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26 (23-002)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00002

The following person is doing Business as **StroLA**

Humboldt
1505 R Street
Eureka, CA 95501

**Christy S Prescott
1505 R Street
Eureka, CA 95501**

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ Christy Prescott, Owner This January 03, 2022 KELLY E. SANDERS by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 (22-006)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 22-00007**

The following person is doing Business as
Diamond Moon Music

Humboldt
1920 Rohnerville Rd
Fortuna, CA 95540

Ryan K Martin
1920 Rohnerville Rd
Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Ryan Martin, Owner/Musician
This January 06, 2023
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 (22-008)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 22-00010**

The following person is doing Business as
Color Wheel Art Studio

Humboldt
233 Bacchetti Dr.
Eureka, CA 95503

Kristin L Dalziel
233 Bacchetti Dr.
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Kristin Dalziel, Owner
This January 09, 2023
KELLY E. SANDERS
by wc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 (22-010)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 22-00749**

The following person is doing Business as
Royal Crest Mobile Estates

Humboldt
2300 School St.
Fortuna, CA 95540
9152 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662

Heritage Funding IV
CA 2349156
9152 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662

The business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Peter Deterding, Managing General Partner
This December 06, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS
by wc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/29, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19 (22-495)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 22-00755**

The following person is doing Business as
Redwood Notary

Humboldt
3519 Kilgore St.
Eureka, CA 95503
3519 Kilgore St.
Eureka, CA 95503

Heather L. Bottino
3519 Kilgore St.
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Heather L. Bottino, Owner
This December 08, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/22, 12/29, 1/5, 1/12 (22-492)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 22-00756**

The following person is doing Business as
The Central Office

Humboldt
326 I Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Bella Rae, LLC
CA
326 I Street Suite 148
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Desirae Hadley, Chief Executive Officer
This Decmeber 09, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26/23 (22-004)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 22-00776**

The following person is doing Business as
Humboldt Leather Company

Humboldt
3063 Cannibal Island Road
Loleta, CA 95551
PO Box 472
Cutten, CA 95534

Vanessa M Blount
3063 Cannibal Island Road
Loleta, CA 95551

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Vanessa Blount, Business Owner
This Decmeber 27, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26/23 (22-003)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME Joan
Schuman CASE NO. CV2201863**

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF:
Joan Schuman
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
Joan Schuman
to Proposed Name
Joan Elizabeth Schuman

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above

must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 27, 2023
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit
<https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: December 14, 2022
Filed: December 14, 2022
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

12/22, 12/29, 1/5, 1/12 (22-493)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 22-00014**

The following person is doing Business as
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Humboldt
2863 D St
Eureka, CA

Joni McAtee LLC
CA 202252011886
2863 D St
Eureka, CA

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
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/s Joni McAtee, MD, Manager
This January 09, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 (22-013)

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OBITUARIES



George Henry Duran
June 19, 1942 - January 2, 2023

George “Henry” Duran, age 80, passed away on January 2, 2023, in Eureka, CA.

Henry was born in Roswell, NM, on June 19, 1942. He moved to Eureka as a child, attended local schools and graduated from Eureka High School, Class of 1961. He married his high school sweetheart Betty and later welcomed their son Matthew.

Henry is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Betty Duran; son, Matthew Duran and daughter in law Glenda Duran of Seattle, WA, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and many close family members and friends.

After graduating high school he went to work at the Simpson sawmill and later started his own successful trucking company, Duran Trucking.

Henry was an avid football fan and enjoyed coaching youth football. In his later years he and Betty enjoyed cruising to exotic locations. He took up gardening and enjoyed preparing and sharing his favorite family recipes to pass the tradition of his heritage onto his nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his beloved sisters, Pat Garrett and Esther Newman; and brothers, Eloy Duran, Roy Duran, Alfredo Duran, Esmil Duran, Louis Duran. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, brother and friend. All will sorely miss him.

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A celebration of life is being planned for early summer.



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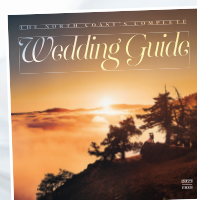
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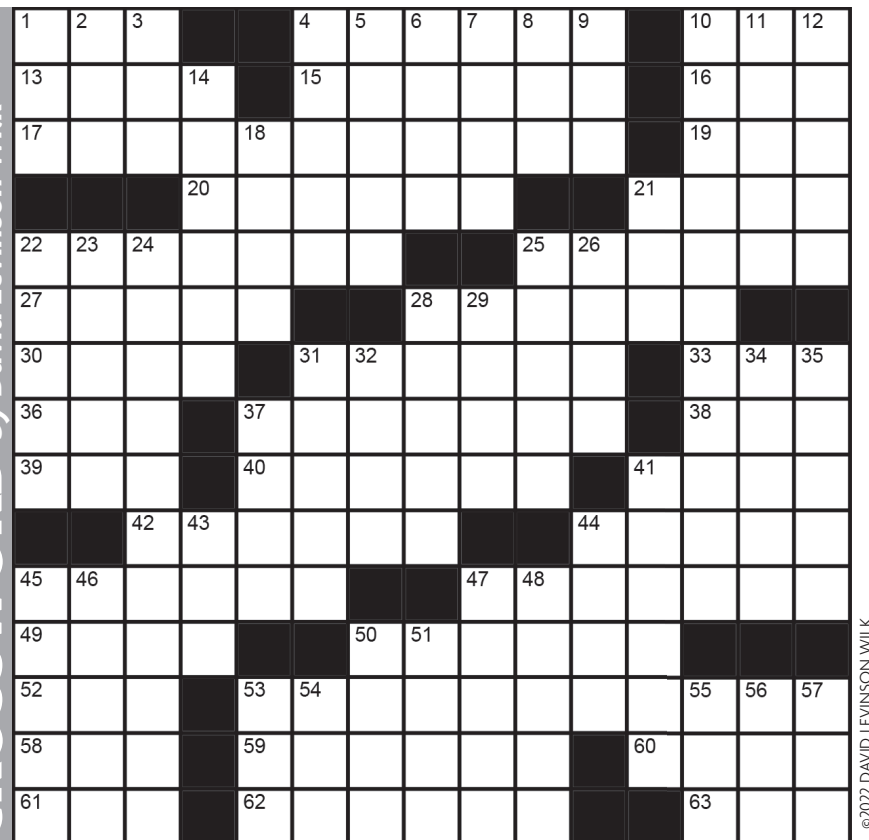


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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

ACROSS

1. Org. with a Climate Change section on its website
4. "Wild" Bill who was shot dead in Deadwood
10. Nintendo debut of 2006
13. Links to a social media post
15. For some time
16. Arbor, Michigan
17. Person trying to gratify a black bird?
19. Reggae-like genre
20. Phone notifications
21. "Gosh, that was close!"
22. Tugboat's tugger
25. Sarcastic way of saying 35-Down
27. Goodyear's Wingfoot One, for one
28. Apple product since 2006
30. QB's mistakes

31. 1997 title role for Depp
33. Things "said" in doctors' offices
36. Kylo ____ of "Star Wars"
37. Positive response to the question "¿Cómo está el presidente de Estados Unidos?"
38. Wish it weren't so
39. Henna, for one
40. Like zombies
41. ____-free chickens
42. Cirque du ____
44. "Here we go again ..."
45. Makeup of Joan Didion's "Slouching Towards Bethlehem"
47. Tony who managed three World Series-winning teams
49. Whiskey barrel
50. Madison Ave. bigwig
52. Make a scene?
53. Something Mark Zuckerberg profits from?

58. Electronics company that once owned NBC
59. "You can't be serious"
60. "Rats!"
61. Actor Cheadle
62. Props for majorettes
63. "Tubular!"

DOWN

1. "... and others," for short
2. Golfers try to break it
3. Many moons ____
4. Simona who won the French Open in 2018 and Wimbledon in 2019
5. Beyoncé's "If ____ a Boy"
6. Sidebar, e.g.
7. Smooch
8. World Cup chant
9. Lead-in to 18-Down
10. Bathe the midsection of a physically fit tasked beast?

11. Best way to sing
12. Seriously impressed
14. Has a hive mentality?
18. Alka-Seltzer sound
21. Part of a sentence: Abbr.
22. Car in the Beach Boys' "Fun, Fun, Fun"
23. Buster ____, host of ESPN's "Baseball Tonight" podcast
24. Make a sighting of Marvel Comics legend Lee?
25. Included covertly in an email
26. "Once ____ a time ..."
28. Selena Gomez's character in "Only Murders in the Building"
29. Continent with 11 time zones
31. Skeleton makeup
32. "Easy to use," in product names
34. Annual science fiction awards

35. "Later!"
37. National Ice Cream Month
41. Rapper born Carlton Ridenhour ... or a hint to solving 17-, 37- and 53-Across and 10- and 24-Down
43. Sturdy tree
44. "The Most Stuff" cookie
45. Digital birthday greeting
46. Anarchist convicted with Vanzetti in a 1921 murder trial
47. Duran Duran lead singer Simon
48. Neuron parts
50. Bank statement no.
51. Kind of tape
53. Pocket watch chain
54. "So that's it!"
55. Distant
56. Paleozoic ____
57. Appropriate answer to this clue

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO CENTRAL AIR

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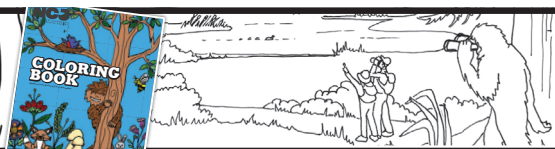
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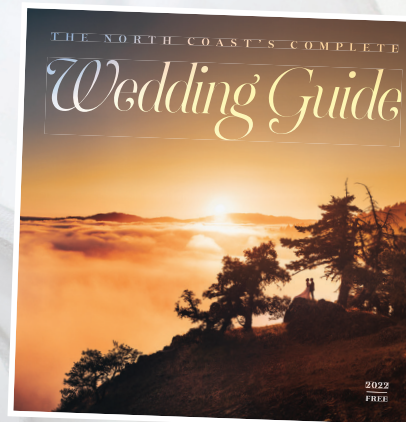
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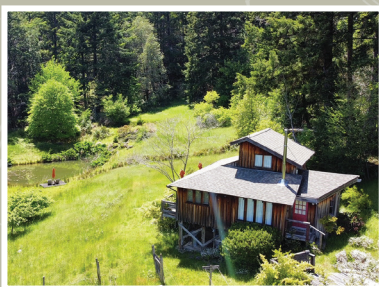


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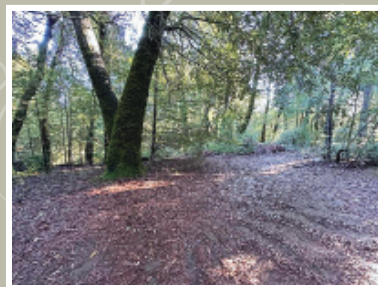


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